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Junior Cathy Newman considered transferring from Loyola as a freshman but changed her mind after getting involved in activities like Spring Break Outreach.

Freshman transfer rate normal despite rumors

BY CLAIRE HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Student satisfaction has become the focus of a number of administrative studies lately, fueling rumors that an especially large number of first-year students have been transferring out of Loyola. However, the statistics show the retention rate should be relatively even with previous years.

Out of the 898 freshman enrolled for the 2005-2006 school year, only 26 have withdrawn so far, according to a study by the Records office. With the retention rate averaging around 91 percent, Dr. Ilona McGuinness, the dean of First Year Students and Academic services, projects this year will be similar.

"Usually, we have a large clump of transfers right away for medical reasons," she said. "At the end of

the semester, there's always another group. I don't think it was any more than normal, but there is probably more awareness about student satisfaction lately because of the recent Campus Climate survey."

According to the Princeton Review, Loyola's retention rate is average amongst other colleges in the area, with Johns Hopkins highest at 96 percent and Towson University at 83 percent. Towson generally suffers from a number of withdrawals due to financial concerns, and also receive more incoming transfer students.

Among other Jesuit schools, Loyola falls in the middle as well, with Boston College at 96 percent and St. Joseph's University with an 89 percent retention rate.

Despite the numbers, Dr. Jean Lee Cole of the English Department and a freshman advisor thinks there is an

increased interest in transferring amongst Loyola's first year students.

"Out of my 13 or 14 freshman advisees, four had transfer applications," she said.

Cole realized all of her dissatisfied students were citing a lack of activities on campus as a major factor in their departures from Loyola.

"The college works so hard to get the intelligence level of students admitted up," she said. "So the intellect goes up, but there's still nothing to do! I think it's a sense of growing pains. Loyola used to be a commuter school, so there just isn't anywhere to hang out on campus."

A female student who recently transferred to a larger university pointed out the prevalence of underage drinking as one of the

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Senate examines grading policy

BY TIM SABLIK
STAFF WRITER

Recently the Loyola Academic Senate created a separate committee charged with reviewing the College's grading practices and making suggestions as to how the school can curb the growing trend of grade inflation.

Grade inflation, or grade compression as it is also called, refers to the fact that college grades have become concentrated in A's and B's with very little

distribution in the lower ranges. At Loyola 86 percent of grades are B- or higher.

"The grade disparity between different departments here is enormous. We're not distinguishing between students who do outstanding work and students who do good work with our grading scale," said Dr. David Haddad, vice president of Academic Affairs.

He explained that Loyola first began exploring the issue four years ago, but at that stage they

were still just reviewing the facts. Some departments have grade point average's over 3.5, but Haddad stressed that the problem really extended to all departments on campus.

"It's not just a problem at Loyola, it's a nationwide problem," he said, noting that grades have gone up nationally in the last 30 years.

The first step Loyola has taken to address this is to create the special Academic Senate

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Students and police maintain fragile bond

BY DAN VERDEROSA
MANAGING EDITOR

Students attend college with certain expectations regarding their social lives which create a natural tension between them and campus police. In this respect, Loyola College is certainly not unique.

While the relationship between students and campus police is relatively good, there remains a perception that major improvements could be made. Perceptions, it seems, play a large role in determining the relative levels of trust or distrust between campus police and the students they are responsible for protecting.

John McNamara, president of the Student Government Association, sees the room for improvement. "I think it's a decent

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relationship, but certainly one that can be improved," said McNamara. "It's unfortunate that the relationship could be better if the

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Juniors Henry Field and Jackie Kennedy talk with a campus police officer during a fire alarm outside Claver Hall last Saturday.

Legislation may cut loans

BY KRISTEN BOYLE
STAFF WRITER

The projected cost of spending one year at Loyola, including tuition, fees, room and board, books, transportation and "personal miscellaneous" items, is, according to the Financial Aid office, around \$41,085.

The reality however, is that an estimated 65 percent of students receive some sort of financial aid, either need or merit-based. While students receive varying amounts of support from the school itself or through the government grants or scholarships, many look to student loans to help cover the cost of attending a school like Loyola.

Adding to the headache over student loans is new legislation that is being circulated through Congress. The first piece of

legislation is the Deficit Reduction Act which was passed by the House in November.

The Deficit Reduction Act contains conditions that cut the deficit and reform government programs, including strengthening and simplifying student loan programs.

While this sounds like a positive change for students facing thousands of dollars in loans after graduating, it may not be the break they are looking for.

The Act would more than likely cut \$12.7 billion from federal student loan programs as part of a five-year, \$39 billion savings plan. 6.8 percent fixed rates would replace 5.3 percent variable rates that students are now eligible for on Stafford loans.

The effect on Loyola students won't be exactly clear until the

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Army: "We will not cut National Guard, Reservists"

By **DREW BROWN**
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — The Army has no plans to cut National Guard and Army Reserve troops, senior Army officials said Thursday, responding to complaints from governors and members of Congress that the Army's restructuring plan would weaken those forces.

In the 2007 budget plan that President Bush will send to Congress next week, the Army proposes funding 333,000 troops for the National Guard and 189,000 for the Army Reserve, the current totals. That's 17,000 fewer Guardsmen and 16,000 fewer Reserves than Congress has authorized.

Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff, and other senior generals said at a news briefing that if the National Guard and Reserve could recruit enough troops to fill all the positions Congress had authorized, the Army would provide the money needed from other parts of its budget. He didn't disclose the amount.

Lt. Gen. Clyde A. Vaughn, the director of the Army National Guard, said he was confident that the National Guard would achieve its goal of recruiting the 350,000 soldiers it was authorized to have. Because recruiting fell short for the Army in fiscal year 2005, all three components have boosted the number of recruiters and increased bonuses and other incentives in an effort to attract more soldiers.

The proposal on Guard and Reserve funding comes as the Army is under tremendous strain because of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Army also is restructuring its active-duty, Guard and Reserve components to increase the number of combat brigades and ease the pace of deployments.

Lawmakers and governors have expressed concern that the Guard and Reserve would lose soldiers in the restructuring plan.

The Senate National Guard Caucus "plans to review the Army's revised proposal and overall budget submission to ensure that the Guard remains a capable, robust force, not just in terms of personnel end-strength, but also in terms of equipment and the presence of armories," according to a statement Thursday from the caucus co-chairmen, Sens. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

"The caucus will work to ensure the Guard is not forced to close armories across the country, transfer out essential helicopters, and reduce other critical equipment such as communications gear and trucks," the statement said.

A National Guard leadership group, the Adjutants General Association of the United States, reported in a background paper that was prepared before the briefing that the Army originally wanted to reduce the National Guard by 25,000 people.

The National Association of Governors lobbied the Pentagon against reductions. The National Guard has provided almost 50 percent of the combat troops in Iraq, plus peacekeepers in the Balkans and the Sinai and 90 percent of the troops on the ground after Hurricane Katrina, the governors association said in a letter Jan. 19 to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"We need more Guard troops at this time, not less," the letter said. "Given their performance at this time in our history, it is inconceivable that anyone would seriously consider a reduction in the National Guard force structure."

The group had no immediate response to the new figures Thursday, but stood by its concerns in the letter, said Jodi Omeier, a spokeswoman.

Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri, the ranking



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The Army announced last week that it has no plans to cut National Guard and Army Reserve troops. Above, Calif. National Guard troops patrol a neighborhood in New Orleans in September.

Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, wrote to Rumsfeld last week expressing concern over reports about downsizing the Guard and Reserve.

"We must have the right forces and the right equipment to meet the military's current and future missions," he wrote. "I see only increasing complexity and greater challenges in our future, and the planned cuts to Army National Guard and Reserve end-strengths are disturbing."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., the top Republican overseeing personnel on the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Sen. Ben Nelson D-Neb., the subcommittee's top Democrat, also wrote to Rumsfeld expressing concern. They've sponsored a resolution that would require the Pentagon to fully fund the National Guard's equipment needs estimated at \$1.3 billion and to consult with Congress and the nation's governors over any proposed

changes to the National Guard's force structure.

Schoomaker said the Army had budgeted \$21 billion for the National Guard to purchase new equipment through 2011. Because of the war, stocks of vehicles, weapons, spare parts and other equipment have fallen very low in active-duty Army, Reserve and National Guard units.

The National Guard and the Army Reserve are made up primarily of civilians who serve on a part-time basis, usually one weekend each month and two weeks during the summer. Both may be called to active duty for limited periods.

Each state has its own National Guard units, which report to the governor. They can be "federalized" by the president in a time of crisis.

The Army Reserve is composed mainly of combat service support units, which provide specialized skills that the Army needs, such as military police and military intelligence.

Chimes and Belles to perform at SBO benefit

Spring Break Outreach is sponsoring a Belles and Chimes Benefit Concert this Thursday, Feb. 9 in McGuire Hall at 7 p.m.

There will also be performances by the Loyola Dance Team and Geary for President. Tickets are \$7 and will be on sale outside of Boulder this week from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door before the concert.

All proceeds will go towards Spring Break Outreach, a week long service experience at different sites throughout the eastern United States. Service locations for this year's trip include L'Arche, Washington, D.C.; Fries, VA; Ivanhoe, VA; Newark, NJ; Cumberland, MD and Camden, NJ. About 70 students, faculty and staff participate in all.

History Lecture to be held in conjunction with Symposium

The History Department is sponsoring a lecture in conjunction with the Center for the Humanities Symposium, "What would you die for?" on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fourth Floor Programming Room.

The guest speaker is Professor John France of the University of Swansea, Wales. The lecture is entitled, "Saints' Lives and Holy War in the Early Middle Ages." The lecture will address how the question, "What Would You Die For?" affected religious people in later times.

Education professors receive international honor

Professors Bradley Erford, Lee Richmond and Lynn Linde of the Education Department will be named ACA Fellows at the American Counseling Association conference this April in Montreal.

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Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Friday, Jan. 27

At approximately 10:35 p.m. a campus police officer was on patrol of Charles Street near Homeland Avenue when he found a 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix on the sidewalk just north of Homeland Avenue. The suspect operating the vehicle stated he fell asleep and ran up on the sidewalk and struck the light pole. BCPD arrived on the scene and gave four sobriety tests to the suspect. The suspect displayed signs of being under the influence of either alcohol or medications on all four tests. The suspect denied using any alcohol but did say that he took antidepressants. BCPD found a bottle in the vehicle of prescribed medication in the suspect's name, with a warning label which stated not to operate a motor vehicle while taking the medication. The suspect was arrested by BCPD and transported to Central Booking Intake facility.

Saturday, Jan. 28

A campus police officer responded to Butler Hall for a noise complaint at 3:09 a.m. Once there, the officer heard loud voices coming from a room. After knocking on the door several times and listening to the people inside trying to clean up, the door was finally opened. Because of the size of the room, the officer made everyone to come out into the hall. The residents were asked if there was any alcohol in the room and if so, to put it all in the middle of the floor. A GRC arrived at the scene and about 20 cans of opened and unopened beer were turned over and discarded. While the officer was writing the information down, he noticed a resident student looking straight ahead but moving his left hand slowly from the desk he was standing next to and into his left pocket. The officer told him to place his hands on the top bunk bed, and after asking three times he complied. The officer reached into the student's left pocket and pulled out a clear plastic bag with a green leafy substance inside. Along with the two residents were six other people in the room, including four who were not students of Loyola. All four were photographed and served trespassing notices.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Campus police were dispatched to the area of the Early House and Butler Lot in reference to a complaint called in to campus police regarding a suspicious person shouting obscenities at no one in particular. Campus police responded to the area but were unable to locate the suspect. It was reported that the suspect was last seen heading down the hill towards Ennis Pll. Responding units canvassed areas of campus where the suspect had last been observed without locating him.

-compiled by Mary Scott

Newman computer lab art exhibit planned

By JENN BOGDAN
STAFF WRITER

A plan to set up an ongoing exhibition of student artwork in the Newman Towers computer lab is in the works thanks to the efforts of Freshman Class President, Geoffrey Browning.

Browning received an e-mail in November from freshman Bridgette Krakower suggesting the art display.

"The idea came to me when I was sitting in the computer lab late one night writing a paper. I was having trouble thinking of things to write about and was just looking around the room for inspiration. I always do this when I'm experiencing writer's block, and I've seen a lot of other people doing it too," said Krakower.

The project is still in its beginning stages and has yet to be approved so many details are still uncertain. Currently, Browning is hoping to set up a rotating exhibition in the computer lab where any Loyola student could submit artwork to be displayed.

All artwork would be displayed pending

it passed an approval process declaring it appropriate.

"I am not a proponent of practicing censorship, but we are trying to do something positive here. Putting up artwork that could potentially bring about negative feelings between people -- by sparking heated controversy -- would not accomplish that goal," said Browning.

The timeline for getting the project together is still being determined. Browning suggested that the first round of artwork could be potentially be on display as early as March or as late as next September. The timeline depends on what logistical barriers have to be overcome including buying frames, getting approval to put screws in the walls of the computer lab and finding enough artists willing to participate.

Browning is hopeful that this project will have beneficial outcomes for both potential artists and the entire Loyola community, most especially the residents of Newman Towers.

"So many people stare at the blank walls trying to figure out what to write for open-

ended composition assignments. Having art up on the walls could surely ignite some inspiration," said Browning. "Plus, this could provide student artists with a perfect venue for showing their art. It's a high traffic area. People will see it."

"I realized how uninspiring the computer room is - just white walls with some notices taped up, not even any posters or anything. When I thought about how many papers get written in this room every year, it just occurred to me that it might be helpful to

have some artwork hanging up," said Krakower.

Final approval for the project rests on Sean Dowd, the assistant director of Newman Towers. Browning and the SGA are confident that the project will be approved soon.

Browning stressed that more support the project receives from the student body, the faster it will be put into action, and asked that anyone with specific feedback to contact him directly.

Effects of Deficit Act unclear

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numbers are analyzed by different groups and the findings can be evaluated by the Financial Aid office. Certain changes will made this coming summer and could impact the 2006-2007 school year, while others will be implemented for the 2007-2008 year.

In addition to the Deficit Reduction Act, the House just recently passed the Budget Reconciliation Bill on Feb. 1.

"The Budget Reconciliation Bill changes many of the provisions of the Federal Student Loan and Federal Parent Loan programs, in addition to the provisions in some of the other Federal Title IV Student Aid Programs," said Mark Lindenmeyer, director of Financial Aid.

"Many in the higher education community had hoped the bill (which was passed 216-214 votes) would be defeated since the bill contains a number of provisions that will increase the cost of borrowing for students and parents," Lindenmeyer said.

"People who just want the best education they can get shouldn't be penalized for

choosing to come to Loyola," Colleen Johnson, '06, said.

"If me and my parents weren't given loans, then I wouldn't have been able to come here. I would've had to of gone to state or community college and not get the education or experience I have here," said Johnson.

While not outright mentioned in President Bush's State of the Union, these bills are part of the governments plan to reduce the deficit.

While it's uncertain what the exact impact will be, it's almost certain that some of the 65 percent of students on campus will be affected and are now just waiting to hear from Financial Aid.

"Now that the bill has passed, we will receive a complete analysis of the specific provisions from various higher education associations including the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the American Council on Education, our Jesuit College Association and the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators," said Lindenmeyer.



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Career Center enters busy season, workshops packed

BY ALYSSA PORAMBO
STAFF WRITER

Since the start of the Spring 2006 semester, the Career Center has held nine job readiness workshops and three larger events, the programs ranging from resume building to applying to graduate school.

Some workshops and events aim to prepare students to enter the work world, while other programs are offered to students who still are not sure of what profession they would like to pursue. Ultimately, the goal of the Center is to successfully help and support the student throughout whatever endeavor is being addressed.

Maggie Cain, a junior, sought out the help of the Career Center this year. "I have no idea what I want to do when I graduate from Loyola next May," she said. "I figured that the Career Center would be the best place to get started, so I scheduled an appointment with one of the counselors to see if she could help me find something I'd like to do."

This semester, there have been about one-two workshops per week. For the most part, the amount of workshops and events that have been held by the Career Center has remained constant.

"The Career Center is usually extremely busy during the spring semester and this year is no exception," said Dr. CreSaundra Sills, the Center director.

Another important program that the

Career Center offers is On-Campus Recruiting, where employers come on campus to interview students for future job opportunities. In order to participate in the program, students are required to attend four workshops per semester. However, if students are unable to make it to the workshops, another event is offered that combines all four required events into one, three hour event: the Marathon Workshop, which is usually very popular.

Any student can attend these workshops and programs. While the majority of them are geared toward students who are serious about finding jobs and internships, anyone who is seeking skills or just advice can go to the Career Center and talk to someone willing to help.

"The past couple experiences I've had with the Career Center have been really helpful," said Cain. "They've given me some pointers as to what I'd be good at and what I might like to do once I'm out in the real world looking for jobs, which was what I needed them to help me do. I don't think that most students make use of the Career Center, and it's a great opportunity that they should jump on."

"The services of The Career Center is for all students," said Sills. "We hope that students take advantage of the variety of opportunities available to them. We are excited about the offerings this semester, especially the new offerings of the virtual fairs."



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The Student Government Association met Wednesday night to discuss a variety of issues up for policy review. Here, Senior Class President Kelly Crossett discusses changes to the FFC regulations.

SGA discusses summer session, FFC, Facebook

BY KRISTEN BOYLE
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association met last Wednesday at their second official meeting of the semester to discuss summer session classes, changes to the Fall Football Classic regulations, and changes to SGA election eligibility.

Starting the meeting off was Dr. Donald Boomgaarden, the assistant director of Academic Affairs, who talked about Loyola's summer session. The summer program, which offers two sessions throughout the summer, has been steadily increasing the number of courses offered and the number of students who participate.

Boomgaarden was at the meeting to ask the SGA for input on improving the program. Among the suggestions were to offer more upper-level classes for the juniors and seniors, who are staying, offer those classes that tend to fill up quickly, and make the schedule flexible so students are able to intern and work while taking classes.

One of the main problems in expanding the program is getting enough faculty to participate.

"While we'd love to offer more classes, it's hard to get faculty who are interested because they're focusing on research projects for tenure. That's our major deterrent," Boomgaarden said.

Several issues were brought up for policy review, starting with changes to the FFC rules and regulations. Changes to the FFC guidelines were made to require there be "No more than four official coaches, with two designated for the men's team and two for the women's team," who can serve for either team regardless of gender. Coaches will be selected by the class president with input from the assemblies.

"It's important to have the class president, who is elected by the students, make the final decision on who the coaches are," said Kelly Crossett, senior class president.

Finally, it was definitively decided that Division I athletes are unable to participate in the FFC as players; however they may serve as coaches.

There was an issue concerning the eligibility of candidates for SGA president. An amendment proposed by Mike Hardy and Dylan O'Shea would allow only students who have served for at least one

year on the SGA's executive cabinet to run for president. To hold an executive office, an assembly person has to be appointed whereas the SGA president is elected by the students.

One of the issues brought up was whether people who have not held an executive cabinet position would have sufficient experience.

"I don't think it's fair," said Jamaal Jones, junior class assemblyman. "You're no less dedicated if you're on the assembly then if you're executive cabinet."

The SGA decided not to pass the amendment; however it could be modified and brought up at a later time.

Next was a discussion of what campus groups should have the right to use the campus-wide e-mail.

"The e-mailing is getting out of hand," said Suzy Pacia, SGA vice president.

It was proposed that only the SGA, the Resident Affairs Council and the Green and Grey Society should have the right to e-mail the entire campus, with additional groups being able to do so, only with permission from the College president, the SGA president, or one of the school's vice presidents. While the issue can't be decided by the SGA, their input would be considered by the school's administrators.

"These are student organizations who are the best representatives of the students. They can decide what the students want or don't want to hear," said John McNamara.

One of the main arguments for the limitation of campus-wide e-mail is the ability of students to publicize events other ways.

"There are alternative means to advertise, like the Newshound," said Marie Lawless.

The proposal allowing only the three organizations was rejected, however, it is sure to be discussed at a later meeting.

Finally, the SGA discussed the use of Facebook, Web Shots, and Myspace in Loyola's judicial proceedings. It was rumored that Student Life was using Facebook pictures as evidence in judicial hearings, however, that was never the case.

It was decided that any Loyola approved online resource can be used by the school in its judicial process.

However, any internet resource not managed by the school, such as Facebook or MySpace, can have no bearing on the process. The SGA agreed to support a statement of position to that effect.



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Perception key in strained police-student relationship

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perception was better."

Tim Fox, director of Public Safety, shares that opinion. "I think we have a real good relationship right now, but it's always fragile," said Fox.

Speaking to campus police, it is apparent that while they understand that college students will be college students, there is a certain amount of stress and annoyance in dealing with them.

Campus Police Officer William Spindler sees the relationship between students and police as a sort of misunderstanding. "The kids here are being kids, and they don't understand why we're here... to keep them safe," said Spindler.

Still, Spindler admitted that some of the stress and fragility of the relationship may come from members of the campus police force, specifically those who have a "Hey, let's lock them up" philosophy towards unruly students. Fox echoed that feeling,



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A Loyola officer patrols the Newman parking lot Sunday night.

reasoning that activities students often engage in on and off campus, specifically underage drinking, are against the law.

Some of the stress seems to arise from the different philosophies of campus police officers. When asked what caused bad blood between campus police and students, Spindler pointed to a car parked by Primo's in the back of Newman Towers, where students are not supposed to park. He reasoned that some police would give the student a ticket when there is no real harm in someone stopping there for five minutes while they get dinner. But according to Fox, campus police have the responsibility to uphold all rules of the College. Said Fox, "We're one of the few authorities on campus that has strict standards and has to enforce those standards."

While Spindler agreed that college students will always drink, he identified the biggest problem as students lying when questioned by campus police, usually claiming not to be Loyola students. Said Spindler, "After midnight, there are not too many cooperative students on campus. You never know what you're going to get."

"The hardest thing is communicating with someone that's under the influence," said Fox, in agreement with Spindler.

The relationship between campus police and students is not all bad, however. While many students may question why campus police are needed, the perception being that they only stop students from having fun, a good number of students realize that campus police do much to protect the campus. Spindler even recalled being thanked by students for getting them home safely after a night of drinking.

"Most of us just want to make sure the

kids are OK," said Spindler, "That's our first priority."

Still, there is nearly unanimous agreement that the relationship is strained and could be better. Both sides see ways to improve the situation. "One of the things that would remedy [the situation] is for students to get

to know campus police better, and vice versa," said McNamara.

Said Fox: "Protection of the campus involves a lot of latitude in how to do that, and it works out better if the student is being cooperative and understands what's going on. They might get cut some slack."



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Loyola basketball head coach Jimmy Patsos talks with seniors at the "Senior Happy Hour" before Thursday's game against Siena. This was one in a series of senior events this basketball season.

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Grading policy up for review with inflation a concern

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committee on grade inflation, which will make recommendations for realistic ways the college can change its grading policies in order to benefit the College and its students.

"What we would like to do is look harder at what it means to be giving a grade of A, B or C. When we have a better understanding of these grades, that will make it easier for faculty to use the full span," said Professor Barbara Mallonee, chair of the Academic Senate committee.

She explained that grades were tools for evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of students, but

right now there isn't enough differentiation within Loyola's grading policy to really give students a clear understanding of where they stand in relation to others.

"The question is whether the grades fairly describe the performance levels. We don't think that faculty are handing out good grades, but that they're not differentiating enough," said Mallonee.

Some suggestions the committee discussed were revising the descriptions of grades in the catalogue, which Mallonee viewed as overly negative, creating more teacher workshops to discuss the issue, and sharing information with other institutions

so that the problem can be addressed nationwide.

The committee is also interested in reviewing how any changes at Loyola can work in conjunction with other Jesuit institutions and how the new grading policy can be reported on transcripts to inform students, parents, professors and the public of Loyola's grading standards and distribution.

John McNamara is the Student Government Association representative working with the committee to ensure that the students can voice their opinion on Loyola's grading policy and how they

would like to see it changed. Mallonee stressed that it was important that students and faculty work together to address grade inflation because it will be good for the school as a whole.

"We actually think that the students will be better served when there is a more nuanced and fair evaluation of them," she said.

Haddad shared a similar opinion, noting that students who are held to a higher standard respond well.

"If you have high expectations and help students meet those expectations, students will do very, very well," said Haddad.

"The question is whether the grades fairly describe the performance levels. We don't think the faculty are handing out good grades, but they're not differentiating enough."

— Barbara Mallonee



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Dean of First Year Students and Academic Services, Ilona McGuinness talks to prospective students and their parents at Saturday's "College Days." Here, she is talking to high schooler Maureen McKinnon, who says that Loyola is her top choice of schools.

Stats, perception differ over transfer rates

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only social activities available.

"I couldn't believe how important the bar scene was -- that was where everybody went at night," said the student, who wished to remain unnamed. "I felt like I had to go to the bars just to be apart of the freshman class."

Cole believes that students need to take a more active role in developing their own on-campus entertainment, by organizing activities and working with the administration.

Activities such as Late Night at Loyola and the recent additions of pool tables and plasma televisions in Upper Primo's came about through the work of Student Government members, and further additions to the area are currently in the works.

Another theory as to the increased interest in transferring is dorm overcrowding this year, with some rooms in Hammerman and Butler becoming triples or quads.

"Whenever there are large groups of students together, there can be tension," McGuinness said. "We are working very hard to see how many we can house without creating stress, but we never know how many students will decide to attend."

The student who transferred pointed out that with the lounges in the East Side dorms being turned into bedrooms,

students had nowhere to socialize except the hallways.

"Quiet hours were never enforced," she said. "Sometimes I'd be kept up until 3 a.m. on school nights with girls screaming in the hallway. On my floor alone, there are three girls who transferred, and I know more are thinking about it."

Cole also points out technological factors that didn't exist a few years ago could be having an impact on students' decision to stay at Loyola.

"It's hard because of the prevalence of cell phones and the internet," she said. "Students are so much more connected to home than they used to be, which probably leads to more homesickness and less chances to bond with people outside of their

roommates."

David Dukor-Jackson, the director of Undergraduate Admissions, agreed that as technology makes the world smaller, the choices and uncertainty grows.

"The number of applications continues to increase, not just at Loyola, but everywhere," Dukor-Jackson said. "I'm not sure that plays into a discussion on transferring, but because there are so many choices, there must be more ambiguity. If you don't click right away here, you might start thinking about all the other places you applied."

Junior Cathy Newman had a similar experience. Coming to Loyola from a very diverse high school on Staten Island, Newman found it hard to adjust when a number of her roommates transferred and she questioned her decision to attend a school that did not offer the pre-veterinary program that she was interested in pursuing.

"I wasn't really finding my niche early on," Newman said. "Then I joined the Evergreens and I went on Spring Break Outreach, so I found a group of kids I could relate to."

Taking the advice offered by most campus

officials, Newman delayed her decision to leave Loyola as long as possible, and ultimately chose to stay.

"I felt like I should get more involved before I made a

judgment," she said. "That extra time is what has me here today."

McGuinness, who signs and approves every freshman transfer form, pointed out that students leave for a variety of reasons, with the majority being medical, academic or social.

When the school can place someone in an environment more suitable to his or her needs or personality, she considers it a success.

"I talk to a lot of students about the possibility of transferring," McGuinness said. "My advice to them is always to be courageous -- to explore all that Loyola has to offer, and if they are still unhappy, we'll help them find a place where they can be happy."

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— THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — Cultivating the intellectual crop

This week, *The Greyhound* ran a story about the apparent rise in freshman transfer rates. Prompted by a number of freshman advisors and students observing an influx in interest for going elsewhere, we investigated the perceived rise and its possible causes.

While anecdotal and statistical evidence conflict over whether an increasing amount of students are interested in transferring from Loyola, the question of freshman retention is one that should continually be readdressed.

For three consecutive years, Loyola has boasted the strongest incoming academic classes in its history. It is clear that as the caliber of accepted students rises, the College must change to compensate for their needs and interests.

Typical complaints about Loyola -- its reputation as a bar school and its "unscholastic" campus -- need to be addressed if the College is to move up in the ranks of prestigious American universities. A more intelligent student body will seek and desire new avenues of social activity and intellectual exercise.

The responsibility for making such changes falls upon two groups - the administration, which is most able to institute the needed changes, and the students themselves, who must make their desires known as well as work to see them implemented.

There is a multitude of ways in which Loyola can adapt and evolve as its student body changes. One important means of doing so is for the College to offer more on-campus activities for students whose interests may be more complex than the frivolities of York Road or Fell's Point.

The Late Night program, most noticeably known for "Midnight Breakfast" and "faux-cocktails," should diversify to include events that cater to and sustain students' desire for scholastic entertainment. The purpose of such activities would not be to convince a wary student to return, as that decision cannot be influenced by a Saturday night Scrabble tournament, but to circumvent the desire to leave altogether.

It is not necessary that the core character of the institution change, but as the character of the students change, the Loyola of old will likely be much different from the new. It is impossible, and indeed pointless, to attempt to speculate exactly what that Loyola will look like, but *The Greyhound* hopes that it will retain that which makes the Evergreen Campus "Loyola."

■ Blue blood or black?



Student offers apology to Loyola community

I would like to send my sincerest apologies to everyone for any negativity that was felt by the Loyola community because of the e-mail that I sent to the Westboro Baptist Church regarding our production of "The Laramie Project." My intent in doing so was certainly not to cause distress to anyone on this campus.

I had hoped that by making the WBC aware of our production, if they chose to protest it, that it would make the community aware of why we need to continue to spread the positive message of equality and acceptance that "The Laramie Project" has to offer. I also thought that this would start a dialogue on campus about how we need to unite to eradicate bigotry and hate. If nothing else, perhaps this would get more people thinking about these important issues, so that they would come to the show and experience its positive message.

I only saw the positive effects of my decision and did not stop to think about how it would negatively affect our community, and for that I sincerely apologize. I would also like to extend a special apology to those GLBT members of our community (both those who are "out" and those who are not) for any distress that the controversy surrounding the WBC may have brought on you.

Lastly, I would like to apologize to the administration, especially Fr. Linnane, who whole-heartedly supported our production until I made this mistake. I am very sorry that you had to feel the negative consequences of my decision, as well. I certainly did not intend to betray the trust you had in The Spotlight Players and in me.

I would, however, like to thank the entire Loyola community for their overwhelming support for The Matthew Shepard Foundation these past few weeks. Thanks to

your attendance at the show, as well as additional donations made, we were able to raise over \$8,000 for the Foundation, which will go to funding programs that erase hate nationwide. This campus has truly made a difference in the lives of countless GLBT individuals, and for that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

My hope in writing this apology is that we, as a community, can put the WBC incident behind us and focus on the future. I hope you all will continue to be supportive of the Spotlight Players in the future, so hopefully they can continue to demonstrate their caring and compassion and give a voice to people who cannot always speak for themselves.

Doug Schultz '06
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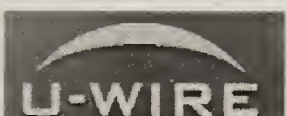
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- Dump my signifigant other, I'm broke!
- When is St. Patricks day?

Last issue's poll: (results not scientific)
Who are you rooting for in the Super Bowl?

- **No one, I'm still depressed about Eagles' loss last year. (29%)**
- **Three words - Steelers, Steelers and yes, Steelers. (25%)**
- **Seattle will dominate, or I will sell all of my belongings and become a monk. (25%)**
- **Who cares, I'm in it for the food and the commercials! (21 %)**

War on terror a long term threat to Americans' civil rights

During a period when political loyalty is highly valued, the recent discovery of wiretaps authorized by President Bush has drawn bipartisan opposition. Prominent

EMILYCONTILLO

figures from both sides of the political spectrum, as well as various citizens' rights organizations, have spoken out against the unlawful surveillance program which spies on American citizens without seeking the proper search warrants from courts. These men and women have realized that this issue is bigger than either political party, and is bigger than the year 2006. If we do nothing in reaction to this discovery, we will allow future presidents to act unlawfully without having to face any consequences.

Our nation's balance of powers is necessarily delicate, balanced upon laws like the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, which was passed in the wake of former President Nixon's abuse of the CIA and NSA.

The act ensures that all forms of domestic spying are motivated by "probable cause" by requiring the president to formally request a warrant. In the interest of time, the warrant can actually be requested up to 72 hours after the wiretap is established. Evidently, our president decided that this law is unimportant, and has ignored it entirely.

I think Senator Harry Reid best captured the sentiment in Washington when he reminded voters that our leader is not "King George, he's President George." The fear of an all-powerful ruler was one of the main ideas that our form of government was founded upon. Our founding fathers

decided that even the best, most able leader should not have complete control over the nation, and this decision has served us well.

"The war that is most similar to the War on Terror is not World War I, Vietnam or any other major international conflict, rather it shares most of its qualities with President Reagan's 'War on Drugs' in the 1980s."

— Emily Contillo

It has allowed for debate and change, which has kept us moving forward for two centuries.

President Bush's decision to ignore certain laws is especially problematic. It forces many questions to arise, such as "what other laws can he ignore?" And the degree of secrecy surrounding this scandal begs the question, "what else is he hiding?" In a time of uncertainty, we should not have to check to make sure our Fourth Amendment rights are still available to us.

We are continually reminded that President Bush is a wartime president. As he sees it, this allows him to take his place in history alongside the likes of Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

They themselves stretched their executive powers in reaction to their own wars. But it would be detrimental to this debate to not take note of the fundamental difference between these wars. Lincoln and Roosevelt fought armies, but the war that Bush is citing as his justification is vastly different -- it is

conceptual. We are fighting a war against terrorism, which is unlikely to end with a treaty or surrender.

When President Roosevelt made the difficult decision to send Japanese-American citizens to internment camps during World War II, it similarly inspired criticism from people worried that their civil rights were being curtailed. There must have been some

reassurance, however, knowing that eventually the war would come to an end and everyone could go about their lives with the freedoms our founders had intended for us. This war, however, has no end in sight.

If President Bush is allowed to spy on American citizens now, during the "war on terrorism," it will mean all future presidents will have the same "right," so long as there were still terrorists on the planet. Are we, as a nation, prepared to set this precedent?

The war that is most similar to the War on Terror is not World War I, Vietnam or any other major international conflict. Rather, rather it shares most of its qualities with President Reagan's "War on Drugs" in the 1980s. Both were important, and were waged on behalf of a worthy cause with the most sincere of intentions. But bear in mind that President Reagan did not use his war to justify illegal surveillance programs. Do we want the next President of the United States of America to wage war on hatred, or poverty, or any other honorable cause,

only to use it to manipulate us out of our inalienable rights? I think that if President Bush sets this trend, it will only create a nation that is more hesitant to fight the good fight.

The issue at hand is nominally one of privacy. I am not a terrorist, and so I can draw comfort in knowing that it is unlikely that my own phone is being tapped. The same can be said for the numerous congressmen and women who also oppose the program.

This makes the issue no less troublesome. If Bush may tap these phone calls now, what phone calls might he tap in two years? If he can violate these rights now, what rights can our next president violate?

Thankfully, these questions will not need answers if our federal courts recognize the inherent unlawful nature of the President's acts and do their job. US law is based on precedent. Surveillance on private citizens would be a very bad one to allow President Bush to set.

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THUMBS

BY EDMUNDDUNN & MARYHATCH

Yacht Rock - Having been explicated and chronicled by those at www.channel101.com, the genre that goes by the name of "yacht rock" is finally getting the respect it deserves. Really, where would we be without the likes of Michael McDonald, Kenny Loggins and Daryl and John (more commonly known as Hall & Oates)? Even the most pretentious of music snobs cannot possibly deny the infectious nature of jams whose smoothness surpasses that of a baby's rear.

Misheard Song Lyrics - Misheard songs lyrics are one of life's little eccentricities that the whole family can enjoy. And when your friend is singing "knee-deep in donuts" where "Lady Madonna" usually resides, make sure to call them out on it, because the embarrassment associated with missing lyrics is just as priceless -- especially if they try to tell you that they just like they're version better.

Senior 127s - Finally Loyola seniors didn't have to go any further than York Road to enjoy good drink specials and great ambiance. We never actually got to meet Ryan's daughter but she must be a special lady to convince her Dad to let us all over to bombard his classy bar.



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Bad English - On a cross-campus walk to class, there are many things a student's wandering eyes might notice-- say, a sea of Uggs, or the remarkably well toned rump of the student just ahead. But, as of late, what might strike one's attention is the presence of poor spelling and grammar. From the looks of our school's flyers, it seems that the Loyola education is not serving us as well as we thought. We've been invited to participate in "karaoke" and asked by the Chimes whether we "sing good." Unless that's referring to "Good" by Better Than Ezra, proofreading is something to look into.

Kid Leashes - We can understand that it may be easy for parents to confuse their children with pets, but leashing them up is an extreme measure to ensure your kid doesn't chase after squirrels. Next time you see a kid on a leash, don't hold back on the temptation to snip the line. They'll probably roll in the mud or run straight into traffic, but at least they're free.

Student Paychecks - So you've just now received your first paycheck of the semester from Loyola. For those who work on-campus, the tardiness of checks in the mail stop goes beyond mere annoyance and crosses the threshold of life-or-death situation. OK maybe not life-or-death, maybe drink-or-not drink, but it's annoying nonetheless.

Respect key to understanding

This is not a column about race.

And it is not a column about being colorblind.

MATTLINDEBOOM

Because, in a piece where I want to say something about both, it shouldn't be about either. The solutions we seek to the daunting conflicts of race and equality in our country lay somewhere between impossible and seemingly absurd. We are a country formed around conflict, and defined by differences; and yet we have alienated and botched our understanding of each other by painting our differences gray rather than seeing them in the colors they deserve.

A few things must be said first. Differences between us -- Latino, Asian, White, Black and so forth -- do exist. And most importantly, racism perseveres despite efforts, old and new, to suffocate it through new laws, movements and education.

So here, instead of all these other things, is an article about fear and hope. As long as we fear our differences, we will never overcome our racism. To overcome, in many ways, is to understand and accept. We should understand that we fear, and that fear blinds us in even the most banal of ways. We don't know what to call each other anymore. Conversations are paralyzed when a politically correct term is not easily at hand. We stumble, pause and hesitate; we spit, spatter and slur our words as we reach for something that won't insult. This is the P.C. Generation with everything to say, but no "correct" way to say anything.

Accept tension.

There is no easy way to begin understanding each other; and so, many give up the effort before they have even tried. Americans resent friction. It is said so often that our country is one that openly faces challenge, but the greatest challenge we face -- living with each other -- is left ignored. We ignored the poor of New Orleans, and now, we ignore the fact that New Orleans is being left to die by our lack of action. And why not? These problems

"To overcome, in many ways, is to understand and accept. We should understand that we fear, and that fear blinds us in even the most banal of ways."

— Matt Lindeboom

are difficult.

How can the rich possibly know what it is like to be poor? Even more, how can a white person understand what it's like to be Black, Latino or Arab? We don't know, and for the most part we can't know. But why should that stop us from treating each other with respect?

Respect is maintaining an open mind in the face of misunderstanding. Tension will exist where a closed mind jumps to conclusions about things it can't understand.

Tension will always exist, because differences will always exist. But a step that we can take to expand our understanding of those differences, is to slow down and admit -- finally -- that perhaps we don't know everything.

So speak your mind, but also listen; because the challenges that we refuse to face are the challenges that will inevitably shape our future the most.

Admissions policy should reflect talent, not background

Let's begin by calling affirmative action what it is: discrimination. It is a legalized form of the concept that it seeks to defeat. Loyola College endorses affirmative action;

ANTHONY INTRAVALA

the disability support services statement says that the college "promotes affirmative action for minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans." The sentence directly preceding this in that statement is "Loyola College...does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, veteran status, or disability."

These statements seem to contradict each other. According to the Webster Dictionary, to discriminate is to "treat differently on the basis of race, class, sex, etc.," which is exactly what affirmative action does. The college's statement seems to be somewhat hypocritical, but there is an easy way to solve the problem.

The college must eliminate affirmative action. If that is not a feasible option, then the college must admit that it discriminates. Either way, at least it is honest. But why settle for honesty if we could have a superior academic institution, as well? The best way to achieve that goal is to accept more qualified students and professors.

Only the best candidates should be allowed to attend or work at the college because they are the ones who have earned it. It would make sense for the admissions department to give preference to those individuals who have the most credentials

because those people, more than anyone else, will assist Loyola in becoming the best institution it can be. Yet, Loyola College

"It would make sense for the admissions department to give preference to those individuals who have the most credentials, because those people, more than anyone else, will assist the college in becoming the best institution it can be."

—Anthony Intravaia

does not work this way. Our administration has decided to value diversity over academics. It will sacrifice students who have legitimately earned their way into college for minority students who did not have the same "opportunities."

A large percentage of minority students entering college have had the same chances as their majority counterparts, yet they will still receive preference simply because their skin is a different color. Just because a child did not grow up under the conditions conducive to academic excellence does not mean that another child who made the best of his or her chances and earned superior credentials should be snubbed.

Acceptance by merit alone is the most effective method. Students and faculty earn it by working hard and being productive. It is the system that Martin Luther King Jr.

dreamed of when he hoped his children would "live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Unfortunately, we have fallen short of that dream.

Adding insult to injury, the applications designate groups as "African-American," "Native-American," "Asian-American," "Latino," and "Caucasian," as well as international categories.

By stating that an applicant is whatever-American, it effectively demonstrates that the admissions department recognizes the historical roots

of one's culture.

This is conveniently left out for whites, presumably because the writers of college applications think that whites are the real Americans and have no ancestors from other places.

But this is not true; whites trace their ancestry to Europe, and as long as we are going by continents, why not label the ethnic groups "African American," "Asian-American," and "European-American?" By leaving the category "Caucasians," it does an injustice to the cultural heritage of the descendants of Europeans in America.

It presumes that all white people in America have roots near the Caucasus Mountains near Armenia and Azerbaijan, which seems like an extremely narrow-minded label to describe all white Americans. And while we are correcting the names for

ethnicities, we should call Native-Americans Asian-Americans, since their ancestors came from Central Asia. In reality, there are no peoples native to America; everyone who is here now is a descendent of someone who traveled here from another place.

This is not about racism or egocentrism; it is about right and wrong. For centuries minorities in the United States were treated unjustly. They were denied many of the basic rights that all Americans are entitled to have.

There is no question that the discrimination was wrong. But combating one wrong with the same does not solve the problem, it only creates a new one. This is a call for equality of rights; everyone receives what he or she deserves based on what is earned. No one gets special privileges that are not merited. That is a solution.

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U.S. Government could take lesson from British style

Last Tuesday night, Americans watched President Bush deliver his annual State of the Union address. While the disruption to the usual television schedule is regarded as an unwelcome dose of brain-stimulating-boredom by the more parochial of

catcalls, and the candor of the officials in such a setting cannot be faked.

In all seriousness, the idea of an open, rapid-fire debate on the issues of the day is quite appealing. The Prime Minister gives unrehearsed answers to queries coming from those in his and the opposition's parties. This is, despite -- or maybe because of -- the off-color character of

many of the discussions, is political debate at its highest level. Arguments and answers in that chamber are unrehearsed, and the public has an opportunity to understand their representatives' true grasp on the issues affecting them.

Here in America, much of what goes into the public Congressional Record is either typed statements that are never uttered aloud or short prepared speeches delivered to an empty legislative chamber. Rarely, especially in the House, is a real debate ever seen.

This is unfortunate, as Americans hardly ever get a chance to see their elected leaders passionately sparring on the most important of national issues.

The closest we get to an unrehearsed, unfiltered reaction is during the State of the Union where one party applauds or jeers at what the President has to say -- and half of those times, the feedback, actually, is rehearsed.

But every once in a while, as was seen last Tuesday, there is a spontaneous response from one party's members that, frankly, bears some semblance of excitement to the House chamber, which is only heightened when the opposing party replies in kind. It is these far too rare spur-of-the-moment displays of passion that make the State of the Union particularly interesting

to me.

In this sense, it appears that we have something to learn from our British friends. I know there's a rich history of congressional tradition in this country, and

I don't mean to belittle that.

However, debates in the halls of Congress might be a little more interesting, and even more enlightening, if they went a little more like the way things are carried out in London.

We shouldn't exactly emulate the British, however amusing it would be to see the Speaker (the one who is dressed like a judge) wake up between naps and incoherently mutter something in his

Scottish brogue. It just seems like there are certain advantages we, as a nation, could garner from seeing open dialogue between our elected leaders.

Relaxing some of the rules governing debate in the American Congress in order to allow more open, confrontational debate would inject fresh life into the lawmaking process. Voters would be able to more fully grasp their representatives' positions on important issues, and be better able to hold those members of Congress accountable for when they renege on campaign promises.

And this is not to mention the entertainment value that confrontational debates typically have for an observer. The chance to see their lawmakers' "true colors" might even cause more people to pay attention to happenings down in Washington.

Our governmental process must be about openness and clarity, not incomprehension and boredom. Don't you, my right honorable friends, agree?

JAY BARTLETT



RAMBLIN' MAN

individuals, I actually look forward to the event each year.

My anticipation is not because I particularly agree with President Bush on what he has to say, nor is it wholly based upon my interest in government, even if I am a political science major (OK, so maybe it's a little rooted in that).

The real reason why I sprinted home from the York Road lot after my shift ended at 9 p.m. (just as the news coverage was beginning) is that the State of the Union is about as close as American politics gets to resemble the British House of Commons. If you've ever watched C-SPAN's coverage of the "Prime Minister's Questions," then you know what I'm talking about.

If not, picture a room packed with nicely dressed folks who, frankly, had one-too-many at lunch. They all take turns asking the Prime Minister about different issues around the United Kingdom, giving immediate answers about the state of that union. House members, depending on their agreement, or lack thereof, to Tony Blair's answers, will applaud and cheer or hiss and boo.

They will rankle Blair, the opposition leader or the questioner endlessly. Hurling insults across the chamber is commonplace, as is language that isn't exactly "G-rated." However, real issues affecting real Britons are debated in between the banter and

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—Jay Bartlett

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On the Quad

Because no one uses the Primo's trays for food, what do you suggest we use them for?

by Ali Dykhhouse



"I'd go mud sliding."
Caitlin Henzler, '09, Biology



"Give them to the homeless."
Brennan Mackey, '09, Undecided



"Play ultimate frisbee with them."
Geoff Browning, '09, Political Science



"Carry the Men's Basketball team to the MAAC championship on them."
Stephanie Maloney, '06, Political Science and Marie Lawless, '06, Political Science



"Use it as a portable desk."
Teresa Schell, '06, Political Science

Do you want to be in "On The Quad?" Look for Ali Dykhhouse on the quad.

School spirit on the rise despite recent losses

I was a couple of minutes late for the game versus Siena on Thursday night, and as I was walking up the steps into Reitz I could hear our deafening roar already. Actually, it was even beyond deafening; it sounded like it was going to take the roof off. After I met my friends in the stands, I stayed on my

CHRISTINAKISER

feet and yelled and screamed and clapped with everybody else, and as the game really got underway, the sound of our cheering came close to the sound a 747 makes when it takes off. Yes, it's basketball season at Loyola. Are we excited or what?

A year ago, I never would have written the above paragraph. In fact, last year I didn't go to a single game. But a lot can happen in a year. Coach Jimmy Patsos now has a year at Loyola under his belt, and the team is increasingly talented and unified. All of this makes a very significant and wonderful difference in the basketball program's progress.

But, perhaps the biggest change in a year is the constant, unwavering enthusiasm and support of us, the fans, who arrive in droves decked out in head-to-toe green (or, in the case of Thursday's game, head-to-toe white) ready to scream our hearts out.

"I feel that the students are a big reason for our success. We've turned Reitz Arena into the best place to play in the MAAC, and it is all due to the students," Coach Patsos said last Wednesday. There's definitely been a change in Reitz, and maybe even on the whole Evergreen campus, that's nothing short of magical.

When I came here last year as a freshman, my Evergreen informed our group that there

was no school spirit at Loyola. To say I was disappointed would be a huge understatement. At my high school (and I'm sure I'm not alone in my experience), "Spirit Week" and "Powder Puff" were the highlights of the year. Those events were a big part of what made me proud to be a Holy

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— Christina Kiser

Cross girl, because they brought the whole student body together to have a good time and bring out the true heart of the school.

Unfortunately, last year my Evergreen's "words of wisdom" turned out to be 100 percent true. The only thing I can think of that came anywhere close to matching the level of enthusiasm we have now was the pep rally before last year's FFC. Let's face it, one event just doesn't cut it when you're trying to build school spirit.

I went to a few lacrosse games in the spring, which were fun, but even as I cheered I noticed there was plenty of room in the bleachers. I wondered why, after experiencing spirit and pride of high school, people would just let that spirit die when they reached college.

We chose to come to Loyola, and we should be proud of that choice. Pride in Loyola doesn't just mean being proud of the academic reputation. It should also be

about going to games, and wearing our green and white, and yelling until we're hoarse. I think last year was sort of a warm-up year, where people were looking around saying, "Wait. Could there be school spirit here after all?"

This year, Loyola woke up, and in grand style. We're like the little engine that could -- Reitz isn't a big arena, and we aren't yet camping out or getting in line two hours ahead for tickets; but, as the team's record gets better, such a time is foreseeable in the future.

This year we're here to support our players whether they win or lose. We lost to Siena on Thursday, but the response

from the fans every time we scored was just as strong. The cheerleaders, Dance Team and the Marching Floek do a lot to get everybody going, including head coach Patsos.

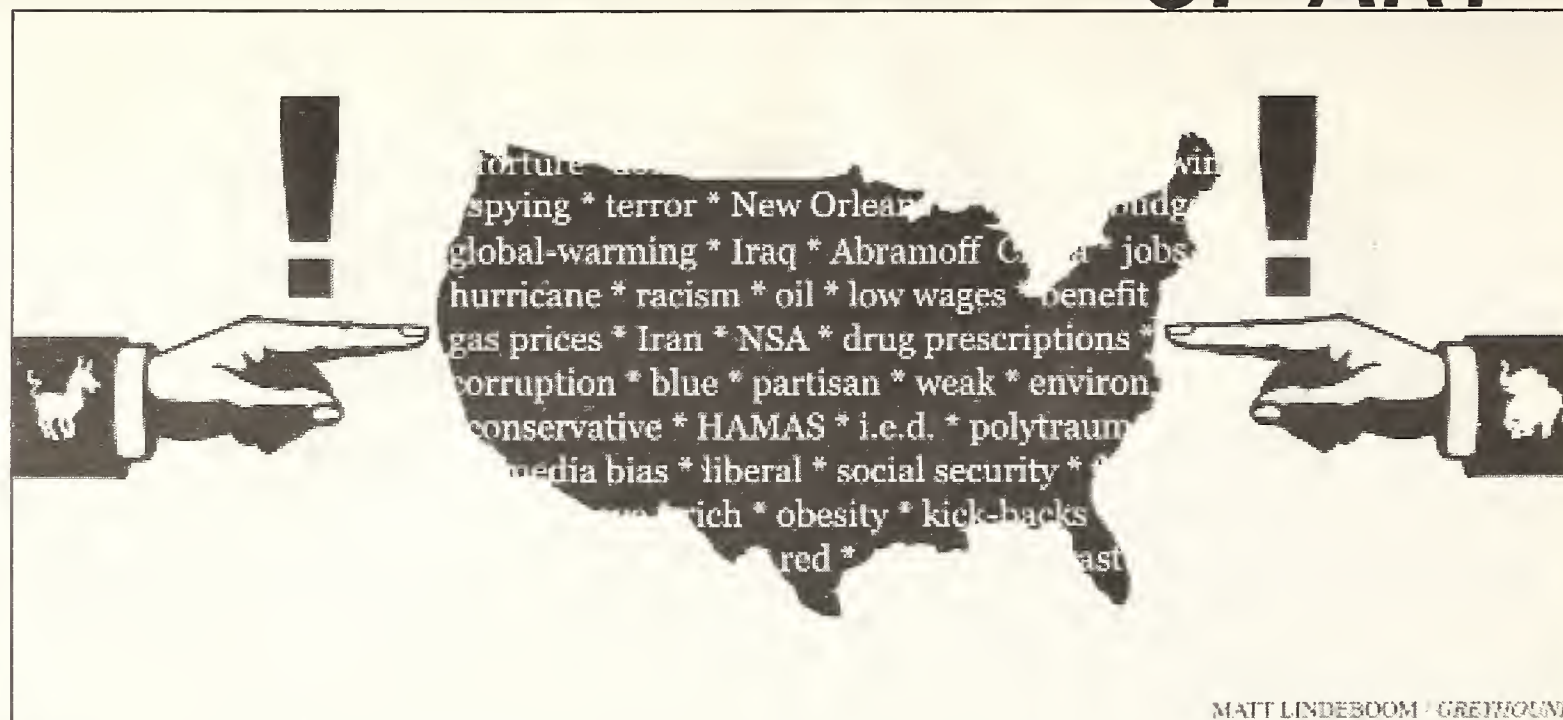
"I really want to jump into the stands when they play 'Get Up,'" he said.

There's an energy to the team, now, that wasn't there last year, or two years ago when they only won one game.

The student body has really taken pride in the Hounds this year, and I know we'll continue to do so with even greater zeal in the coming years. I think we've also begun to take more pride in our school spirit as a whole; our presence at games has made us more unified into one very enthusiastic campus.

There has been something magical this year: our basketball team has gotten better, because we decided to believe in them and in our love for Loyola.

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Campus Ministry encourages student discussion

Campus Ministry has developed a program called Koinonia (koy-nohn-ee'-ah), dedicated to helping Loyola students come together and discuss life issues. In ancient Greek, the word Koinonia appears numerous times in the Bible and translates into English as "fellowship" and "communion." A few years back, Cara Di Guiseppe, Class of '07, established Koinonia to foster community on campus and to provide students with the opportunity to experience and contemplate life together. Our mission statement explains further: "By meeting regularly to share questions, insights and prayer, all are invited to build more meaningful relationships and be challenged intellectually and spiritually, as individuals and as a community." Part of our mindset as a Jesuit institution relies on the fact that we commit ourselves to strengthening our mind, body, and spirit. Discernment is key in this process of balancing our lives, as is community and encouragement.

I have been involved in Koinonia since the beginning of my freshman year, and have been a part of three different small groups. Each one has allowed me to meet more people and to grow as an individual. I've learned so much from my leaders and truly feel blessed to have become a group leader and intern for Koinonia this school year. For me, Koinonia meetings have become a time in my week to take inventory -- to consider what is going on in my life and the world. With the help of friends in these groups, I am beginning to live with more authenticity, purpose and gratitude.

I distinctly remember the meeting just before Thanksgiving break of my freshman year, when a group member and I baked a pumpkin roll for our group (bringing dessert to meetings is customary).

We talked that night about our dreams versus reality, and I thought to myself, "I am truly lucky to have met these people." We all were at different places in our lives -

- with faith, self-image and goals -- but we talked in our leader's apartment for about two hours, just learning from each other. And ever since then, I realized how important Koinonia is to me.

I hope, in reading this, you agree that encouraging community and thought-provoking conversation should be our goal as a Jesuit university.

And to you Greyhounds, come, question, and converse with us at Koinonia! We will be having tables outside of Boulder this Wednesday and Thursday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Swing by and see what we are all about!

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U.S. efforts in Afghanistan must continue unabated

A nation of impoverished people, full of warlords with violent pasts, and active insurgents with ties to Osama Bin Laden and the Taliban. Sick, suicidal freaks who take their own lives and those of others for some greater good that lies somewhere

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beyond any rational comprehension. This is what many people spit out as their perspective of Afghanistan. This, to some extent, is true.

But what some of these people don't realize is that the majority of the country is sick of the violence that has torn it to pieces, and is eager to take steps toward establishing a stable government; eager, but as of February 2006, not yet able for a variety of reasons. What needs to happen?

Well, since Jack Bauer is currently tied up trying to foil another terrorist plot, Bauer vs. Bin Laden will have to wait.

John Calhoun, a father of a friend of mine, is currently in Afghanistan serving through the Army as an advisor to a division of the Afghan government and has given me insight into what is wrong with the broken nation.

Think being a politician in the U.S. can be brutal? Try being a committed reformist running for office in Afghanistan. According to Mr. Calhoun, if your platform doesn't strike the fancy of a hard-line militant group such as the Taliban, they will send a notice, known as a "night letter," to your home telling you to drop out of the race or you will be killed. Stay in the race, and you and your family may pay the consequences. I think I'll stick to wheat farming, thank you.

That, unfortunately, is precisely the

sentiment that can be an obstacle to establishing a government with qualified politicians dedicated to squashing insurgents. However, Mr. Calhoun relates that there are enough politicians in the Afghan Parliament that those who retain their militant ties in office don't have an overwhelming amount of legislative power. In addition, once the Afghani police and military have completed their current training by U.S. and U.N. forces, the effects of the feared "night letter" won't be as feasible.

Nevertheless, Calhoun says, "Most everyone I work with agrees that the government is still at its infancy stage, and it will take years for it to start to crawl."

Can money be a quick fix in this case? Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice announced an allotted \$1.1 billion just for Afghanistan in 2007, which is similar to what is promised this year. What the heck has your money done, you ask? Violence still plagues the nation, especially in the South, where remnants of the Taliban remain. Moreover, while \$1.1 billion sounds like enough to buy every citizen a mid-sized Hyundai, Afghanistan remains an impoverished nation.

However, since a U.S.-led coalition entered the country in 2001, hundreds of hospitals, roads and clinics have been built. School enrollment has skyrocketed from 900,000 to 5 million, many of whom are girls, previously banned by the Taliban from

attending class.

But, along with violence that has picked up in 2005 (1,600 deaths related to militant violence, the deadliest year since 2001), the nation still has one of the highest mortality rates in the world. To add insult to injury,

many Afghans are growing tired of the relief effort, complaining that much of the monetary aid from across the world is being wasted.

Many things have to happen in Afghanistan. The government has to deduce a method of hiring qualified people with a genuine interest in their country, not their wallet. Officials have to step up counter-narcotic efforts, as much of the nation is in the clouds with a huge opium problem, (although it accounts for almost a third of GDP).

In fact, according to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, many suicide bombings are fueled by drug money, in addition to Taliban-led attacks on people associated with the U.S. Government and ISAF (International Security Assistant Force).

Security will continue to be an issue, and even though we have finally begun to downsize our presence from 18,000 to an eventual number around 16,000, a NATO force will increase its presence in an effort to squash the insurgency. Once this is done, and a more stable infrastructure is established, Afghanistan will likely see more foreign investment in their country.

Yet Mr. Calhoun repeatedly stressed

how vitally important it is that the Afghan government establish deeper partnerships with its donors in order to rake in the aid many private institutions are now receiving. The more money it has access to now, the more it can allocate for future plans. Even though it has made sense in the past to send resources into stable areas, the U.S. Government must continue its recent trend of sending them into the provinces that need them the most.

Most importantly, the Afghan government must progress to a level where it can stand on its own two legs and operate autonomously, and this is a process that is nowhere near completion despite the baby steps being taken.

If only it were as easy as sending Bauer in to do the job.

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High tuition is worth the experience of Loyola College

While the sight of envelopes in my school mailbox is always very exciting, I was disappointed the other day to see that

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the one piece of mail I had received was a letter about tuition payment. Glancing over the letter requesting a deposit for next year's tuition, I was reminded of how high tuition at Loyola already is: approximately \$30,000 for students paying the full amount plus an additional \$6,000 to \$8,000 for boarding.

For the typical Loyola student, this tuition is not pocket change, and requires great sacrifice both on their part and on the part of their parents, especially when one realizes that the typical state school like Towson costs a mere \$3,548 per semester for in state students and \$8,015 per semester for out of state students.

As a result of this astronomical tuition rate, many Loyola students are ultimately in the position where they must apply for a scholarship, take on a work-study job or get a large student loan in order to be able to attend this school.

Some parents might even need to get a second job or declare a second mortgage on their homes. Great sacrifices must be made by many for the privilege of attending this private university for a mere four years.

Four years, \$150,000. Put this way, one begins to wonder if a college education is worth it. Certainly looking at this situation in the short term, it seems unwise to spend more than what some houses cost simply to attend school for four years when you could spend much less at a state school.

I know that I wouldn't relish the idea of

working in one of the campus' many offices filling papers, answering phones and stuffing envelopes, or even worse coming out of college with the realization that either

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my mom, dad or I was greatly in debt simply so that I could then say that I had earned my bachelor's degree at a reputable university like Loyola.

This is all enough to make anyone think twice about a school which makes this necessary and attending a less expensive state school instead. Almost.

But for many of the students I have met during my first two years at Loyola, this higher tuition is definitely worth it, and I myself have also loved my time here at Loyola.

Talking with many of my high school friends who go to state schools like Delaware and Towson, I often hear about the fun they have participating in their school's sororities and how much they love being able to skip class because their teachers rarely take the time to learn their names or take role.

Loyola's lack of Greek life and its small classes are clearly two things which set it apart from the typical state school. While these things do have their disadvantages, I am really glad that Loyola is different in this way and instead provides countless clubs and diverse activities for its students to

enjoy. Furthermore, Loyola's small classes mean that professors get to know each of their students by name, and so no one is rendered anonymous in their classes. I

really like the fact that I can actually get to know my professors and have more of a personal connection with them than I would at a larger, but cheaper state school.

I have also enjoyed the classes that I have been able to take at Loyola as well as the professors I have had in them.

Even though Loyola has come up with a core course system which requires students to take courses in subjects in many different departments, the professors are all so knowledgeable and enthusiastic and work to bring their subject to life.

Looking back at my experience in such core classes as History of Western Civilization, Environmental Biology and Effective Writing, none of which I had expected to enjoy when I was first going into them, I remember having learned a great deal during them and even gaining a greater appreciation for the subject matter.

While the many hours I have spent working on big projects in the library, writing long term papers in the computer lab and studying for midterms and finals for my classes certainly have been stressful and can make school a good deal less fun, I always finish them with a sense of accomplishment and the feeling that I am just a little bit wiser than I was before.

It is the realization that students will leave Loyola as educated people with strong connections not only with the friends they made here but with the professors who taught them that makes the school's high tuition a little easier to bear.

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Hamas victory should not mean end of aid to Palestinians

By KEVIN ROBERTS
THE DAILY CAMPUS

Many of the world's most powerful countries -- including the United States and some Arab countries, such as Egypt -- have come out and called for newly-elected Hamas to recognize Israel as a country and renounce violence in order to receive global aid.

While most of the world has seemingly put the focus on Hamas' future stance on Israel, the Palestinian people are singing a different tune. The Palestinians were noticeably upset with the former ruling party, Fatah, and many of them wanted to see improvement in their lives and felt that political change was necessary.

Hamas is known to many in the world as a terrorist organization, but to many Palestinian people, including some residents of the village of Deir Ghassana in the West Bank, Hamas helps out in the community and does charity work. According to a New York Times article from Jan. 28, there seemed to be "[e]xhaustion with Fatah's perceived corruption and incompetence" and a hope that Hamas could finally bring change for the Palestinian people.

In a latimes.com article from Feb. 1, Palestinians villagers at a grocery store in Abu Qash, West Bank, expressed anger at Fatah, the former ruling party in Palestinian politics. People were angry because of Fatah's "big villas" and "big cars" while the village people were more concerned with "potholes in the road." A homemaker, Rafa Ramadan, of Abu Qash, said of Fatah: "Everything was dirty, everything was full of corruption."

In The New York Times article, a local

director of social services for the Palestinian Authority pointed out that there wasn't an alternative.

Khaled Abu Khatah Barghouti said: "The majority can't explain why they voted for Hamas. But if you sit with them they will say: 'We hate Fatah. They did nothing for us. A few poor people suddenly became rich people. Hamas worked in another way. They worked with society. They worked with the poor.'"

Most Palestinian people, for one reason or another, have been poor and destitute and are hungry for change. Many in the world, however, don't see the election of Hamas as a catalyst for such change. In a Jan. 30 article on *courant.com*, Secretary of State Condolezza Rice indicated that "[t]he Bush administration will press governments around the world to sever economic ties and freeze most aid to the Palestinian territories until Hamas rejects violence and accepts Israel's right to exist." Egypt also called for Hamas to work with Israel and renounce violence.

A newly elected Hamas member of parliament, Saed Siyam, said: "The American and the Europeans have an interest in this also. They will be embarrassed in this part of the world if they punish a people simply for expressing their democratic wishes."

Many Palestinians, including those who didn't vote for Hamas, are angry at what they see as Western interference. In the latimes.com article, Wasfi Ramadan, a Palestinian businessman "who didn't even vote for Hamas," was incensed at Hamas' "overseas critics."

Ramadan said: "Why do the Americans and the Europeans want to control our lives, and tell us who we should have voted for?"

Ramadan added: "They all said to us, 'Have your democracy.' So we did. And now they don't like it, and want to punish us."

Since he has been in office, President George W. Bush has pushed for the spread of democracy across the Middle East. Two cases, however, have seemed to have backfired.

Last year, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was elected president of Iran and is becoming an increasing threat for the United States, and the West in general. Soon, the International Atomic Energy Agency will vote on whether to refer Iran and its suspected nuclear weapons program -- to the Security Council for sanctions. Now, with the election of a Hamas, a group that the United States and other Western countries have put on their terrorist watch lists, Bush has two leaders -- elected by the people -- that are not at all sympathetic to his policies.

In response to the threat of aid being cut off, some Palestinians didn't seem to care, due in part to perceived corruption by Fatah. In The New York Times article, several said that they weren't worried about aid being cut off because "corrupt Fatah leaders had skimmed off much of the money anyway."

One of those not worried about aid being severed was Nazieh Barghouti, an accountant, who said: "It is not as if the people received any of it."

Though there are some who, like Hamas, would like to see Israel wiped out, many Palestinians were looking for internal changes and looking to kick corrupt leaders out of office.

Though many realized that they could be internationally isolated if they voted for

Hamas, that didn't change the minds of many Palestinians who see Hamas as having a "history of resistance." Most importantly, however, Palestinians voted for Hamas because they don't have a "reputation for corruption."

Overwhelmingly, it seems as if the world is missing the point with the recent Palestinian legislative elections.

Some may have elected Hamas because of their hard stance on Israel, but many have given Hamas power because they aren't perceived to be corrupt and inept.

The United States, and the West, will need to keep in mind the vote of the Palestinian people when discussing what to do now that Hamas has been democratically elected. Sometimes, democracy doesn't put the most desirable people in power. The bottom line, however, is that Hamas was

elected by the Palestinian people because the Palestinian people were sick of Fatah. This election should be a wake up call to the West, and not just in terms of Israel's security, which seemed to be the only thing on the minds of the West and even Egypt.

Palestinian voters have showed their frustration with the former leaders of the Palestinian Authority.

Instead of ostracizing Hamas and the people who elected them, the United States and the West needs to give Hamas time to form a government and show their cards. If Hamas slips, then the world should react in turn.

The United States and the West should try to help out the Palestinian people through aid organizations and make sure that the aid gets to those who need it -- the Palestinian people.

The world must not forget the plight of the Palestinian people.

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Focus is on Baltimore kids in "Boys of Baraka"

Director talks about experiences

By Cara Weigand
STAFF WRITER

The film "The Boys of Baraka" portrays Baltimore city life from the point of view of the young men growing up in it. The documentary introduces four of the 20 boys that are chosen to attend the Baraka School, and follows them on their journey to make a future for themselves. Through the stories of Devon, Montrey and brothers Richard and Romesh, viewers learn that life on the streets, at home and in school is all the same for these boys; there is no escaping their dismal reality.

"My hood is mostly about drugs," explained twelve-year-old Richard, "people sticking needles in their arms, messing up their blood." Richard knows what it means to be given the chance to get an education at The Baraka School: "I am a strong man, just like Frederick Douglass," said Richard.

The juxtaposition in the opening scene of the children playing an urban version of cops and robbers

and a real, drug-related arrest, show the unacceptable conditions that children in Baltimore live and play in every day and night. The boys and their families point out places on their street where they have seen people shot, killed and arrested.

"It felt pretty sketchy and I didn't necessarily feel danger for myself, it seemed way too dangerous for small kids,"

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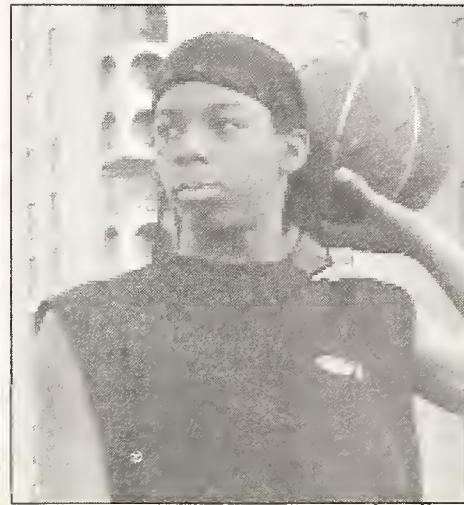
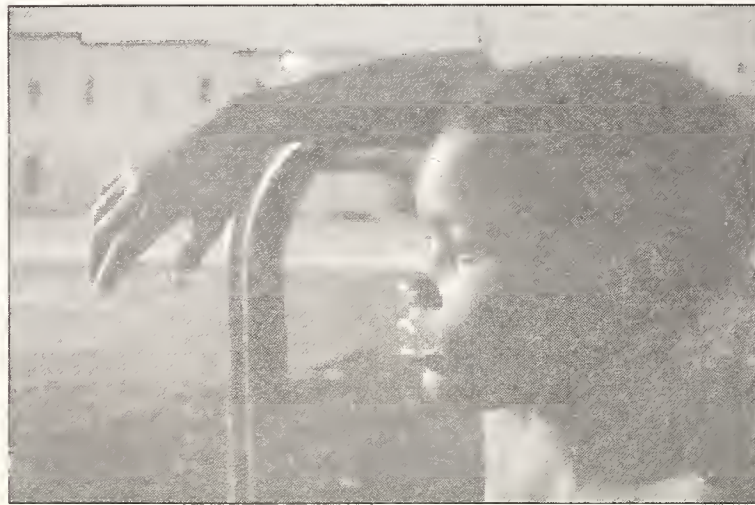
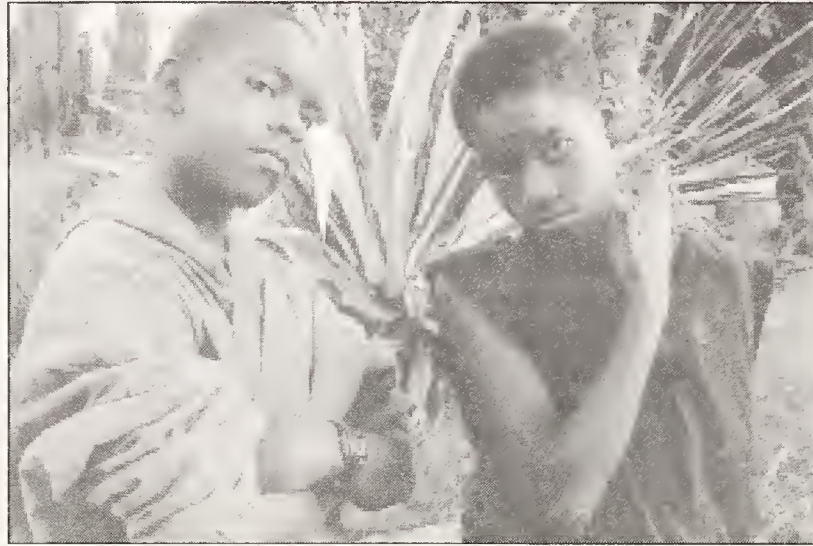


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(Top) Richard and Romesh act tough for the camera, while (bottom left) Romesh gazes into the distance on a playground and (bottom right) Montrey takes a break from basketball at a Baltimore park.

Documentary spotlights Kenya

By Dan Corrigan
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

Maybe the most visually striking thing about "The Boys of Baraka" is the difference between the two landscapes presented in the film. Urban Baltimore looks like something of a war-zone from the opening sequence onward, while the expanses of the Kenyan terrain seem like a hallowed playground by comparison, a discrepancy which cuts to the heart of the film.

Directors Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady document the lives of Devon, Montrey and brothers Richard and Romesh, four twelve-year old boys who are invited to enroll in the Baraka School, a boarding school in Kenya.

The film follows the boys over a three year period, during which they spend a year in Kenya and then are forced to return to the Baltimore public school system because of the Baraka School's closing.

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Nintendo DS proves itself a success with diverse set of games



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The Nintendo DS, with its vast supply of games, has been a surprising success for the veteran video game corporation.

By Steve Rawczak
STAFF WRITER

When Nintendo launched the DS as an entirely new gaming platform rather than a successor to the GameBoy Advance, some analysts thought they would just be cannibalizing their own customer base.

This could not be further than the truth; the GBA sales remained stronger than ever, and it still remains the best selling video game console on the planet by a rather large margin. The DS saw a nice start in sales too. However, the

system really started to pick up in the third quarter of last year, when developers like Konami started releasing their DS bound pet projects.

The DS went from an interesting innovation that sold pretty well to a blockbuster entertainment system. Sales skyrocketed this holiday season and today over 13 million DS systems have been sold. This is thanks, in no small part, to the release of core Nintendo franchises to the DS.

Mario Kart DS

Considered by many to be the best Mario Kart game ever made, Mario Kart DS burst onto the dual screened handheld and quickly became the best selling portable video game for both November and December 2005. This was with good reason; the graphics are gorgeous, and the visuals eclipse those of the fan favorite Mario Kart 64.

Innovations such as the overhead zoom-map, which allows you to see threats coming at you as well as the position of other racers that are near you really adds a unique play dimension to the series. The game also has the highest track count of any previous Mario Kart title, totaling 32 tracks. Sixteen of the tracks belong to a retro circuit, and are made up of an assortment of levels from the previous Mario Kart incarnations from the GBA, SNES, N64 and Gamecube.

The new circuit is made up of brand new tracks, which are equally well made, fun to race on and beautifully built. Also included in Mario Kart DS is the

ability to race other players wirelessly, either by local or wireless internet.



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Mariokart DS is among the best-selling games for the system.

Animal Crossing: Wild World

One of the most addictive Gamecube games has made its way to the DS. In this sequel to the sleeper hit, you create your persona and interact with characters in a small town.

Events happen in real time and are tied to the DS's internal clock, which means that playing at 10p.m. will make your town dark, and playing later might have you wandering around town by yourself, with the exception of a few night owls, because most of your town has gone to sleep.

The game also has seasons and weather effects which coincide with the internal clock and calendar. Added to this version of Animal Crossing, in order to take advantage of Nintendo's new Wi-Fi network for the DS, is the ability to both visit your friends' towns and accept visitors to yours.

The fun of this game is very difficult to translate into words, but the game play is extremely

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Newman 701 basks in "best room" title

By Vittoria Di Prospero
STAFF WRITER

"Thanks to everyone for voting for us!" Jordan Rabidou expressed his gratitude to all the people who voted for room Newman 701E in The Greyhound's Best Room on Campus Contest.

Out of the four rooms, 701 won by a landslide, most likely due to their impressive display of electronics and their ability to entertain guests.

The guys of 701 already have one new addition since the contest: a karaoke machine that makes the dance parties that much crazier.

They are also looking to put in a pool table and a foosball table some time before the end of the semester. Along with their electronic basketball arcade game these two supplements would

make the gaming section of the room complete.

Although The Greyhound is still deciding what amazing prizes to give to 701, the guys are hopeful for a gift certificate to Best Buy so they can add to their collection of electronics or get some new DVDs for their home movie theatre.

All the boys of 701 are always looking to improve their room and make it more fun because it is essential to them to be able to have people hang out in their room.

Saturday nights are a special favorite for the boys because they like to transform their room into dance party mode, which also gives them the chance to make everyone sing on their new karaoke machine.

They are great entertainers to their guests, and Ryan Rabidou expressed it best when he said,

"It's very important to have people over." And it's equally as important to make sure they have a good time!

"If we have the best room at Loyola and Loyola has the best housing in the nation, does that mean we have the best room in the nation?" asked Jordan, making a valid point. It's hard to say whether they have the best room in the country, but it's safe to say that according to the students they have the best room here at Loyola.

If you've been in 701E you would agree. If you haven't been there yet and you are curious to see the best room on campus, you should stop by for a visit. The door is usually propped open and the guys are always friendly. Congratulations to Newman Towers 701E for winning the contest and enjoy your prizes. You deserved it!

Jack Johnson crafts soundtrack for "Curious George"

By CHRIS DILLON
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Jack Johnson - *Sing-A-Longs & Lullabies for the Film "Curious George"*
2006 Universal Records
★★★★★ (out of 5)

Jack Johnson has crafted the soundtrack for the new animated film "Curious George." Has there ever been a more chill person? When he's not appearing in or doing soundtracks for surfing films, he's crafting beautiful, highly successful studio albums and touring the world.

Somehow in his busy schedule of beaches and jam sessions, he's found the time to craft a simply innocent and enjoyable soundtrack to this animated film.

Johnson has also recruited fellow musicians and friends G. Love, Matt Costa and Ben Harper to make appearances on this delightful album.

Critics of Johnson's music usually cite his lyrics as depth-less, as well as his resemblance to the random-student-on-the-quad-at-university-of-your-choice who always plays crappy acoustic guitar songs. However, it may be Johnson's weaknesses that make his music for "Curious George" so perfect. Complex themes and mature lyrics are not needed when the music is meant to be enjoyed mostly by children.

Johnson's acoustic guitar has never sounded better, and the overall texture of songs like "Talk of the Town" and "Wrong Turn" have a wonderful balance of multiple guitars playing in complement to one other, without the claustrophobia that often comes

"The Sharing song" and "3 R's" feel slightly out of place on the soundtrack, although they might make more sense after seeing the film. "Reduce/Reuse/Recycle," are the three R's and sounds more like a Sesame Street letter-of-the-day song, or a vintage School House Rock track, as does "The Sharing Song."

The re-conceptualized Ben Harper song "With My Own Two Hands" is a particularly poignant moment of enjoyment. With Ben Harper lending his guitar and tender vocals, they strip the song of its reggae elements and slow it down, making it less preachy and creating a more innocent message of peace, love and action.

As far as soundtracks go, this is above and beyond your usual effort. *Sing-A-Longs & Lullabies for the Film "Curious George"* combines the best elements of children's music, music for animated films and adult contemporary music. The mere fact that it's a cartoon soundtrack from someone who isn't Phil Collins is refreshing and will ensure its heavy rotation in homes with little kids. Early reviews of the film have said that the soundtrack perfectly enhances the story of "Curious George," and has left this reviewer eager to see the film.

Belle & Sebastian - *The Life Pursuit*
2006 Rough Trade UK/Matador Records
★★★★★ (out of 5)

Twee Pop: ('twe 'päp) *n.* a jangly morass of lilting vocals, toe-tapping rhythms and cloyingly bright guitar and/or piano melodies; the embodiment of all that is super-saccharine in the popular musical world. From British English: "twee" as infantile slang for "sweet." See also: pop, bubblegum.

The Scottish septet Belle & Sebastian are infamous for their work with deadly-to-diabetic "twee" musical arrangements. Focusing on group choruses, simple bass lines, brassy percussion and straightforward chord progressions, the extensive work of Belle & Sebastian (20 total releases since their formation in 1996), should find favor with fans of pop-rockers like the New Pornographers, Dealership, the Smiths and the Beatles.

But enough name-dropping. Belle & Sebastian's seventh full-length, *The Life Pursuit*, is a whimsical combination of tastily tooth-decaying melodies, witty lyrics and tight production values -- producer Tony Hoffer achieves the virtuous musical mean between crusty and o'erworked. While "Act of the Apostle" gets the album on its feet with a piano and synth beat, its calm pacing is a mere warm-up for the dance-friendly rhythms and electric jangle of "Another Sunny Day" and the fuzzed-out bass and group vocals of "White Collar Boy."

"The Blues are Still Blue" resonates with the psych-pop antics of Berklee College of Music grads Apollo Sunshine: plenty of ambient effects and bluesy guitar tones playing off percussion that cries out for hand-claps.

Not to mention that Stuart Murdoch's lyrics are fantastically amusing: "I'm a singer, a swinger. I'm a lay-about, but laying on / the dock in the lazy sun / will never quite relegate me to a bum."

"Dress Up in You" dials it back for a piano melody, subdued trumpet and light hat and snare, focusing mainly on Murdoch's relationship ruminations.

The driving bassline, trumpet and synth keys of "Sukie in the Graveyard" develop an oddly tragicomic tale of a runaway art maven, while the strummy intro/bridge of "We are Sleepyheads" takes a page from the book of British guitar bands (see also: Arctic Monkeys), adding looped vox from violinist Sarah Martin for good measure.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BELLE & SEBASTIAN

Belle & Sebastian has just released their seventh full-length album, *The Life Pursuit*, which combines a wide range of pop influences to create a highly listenable mix. The band is known for their often whimsical juxtapositions of elements.

"Song for Sunshine" brings the funk of 70s disco to bear, and the premiere UK single "Funny Little Frog" ups the ante with a guaranteed crowd-pleasing ballad.

The piano of "To Be Myself Again" reeks of Siouxsie (in a good way), while "Act of the Apostle II" channels the Beatles circa *Sgt. Pepper*.

"For the Price of a Cup of Tea" thrives on Jackson Five vocals, simple chord progressions and upbeat rhythms with a lively flute to spice things up. The final

track, "Mornington Crescent," meanders with yet another pop medley of piano, percussion, guitars and rhyming quatrains. Not the best send-off, but by no means a slouch of a song.

Though *The Life Pursuit* is rife with references to pop music past and present, it never seems stale or rehashed -- it's sugar to be sure, but healthy in moderation.

All-in-all, *The Life Pursuit* is certain to be a hit with those who like their pop light and pretty.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JACK JOHNSON

Jack Johnson has used his simple acoustic style on the new soundtrack for the movie "Curious George."

from too many acoustic guitars competing for your attention. "Lullaby," featuring Matt Costa, is a wonderfully delicate modern lullaby whose gentle loving message, along with Johnson's harmonies, would put even the most hyperactive child into a listless hibernation.

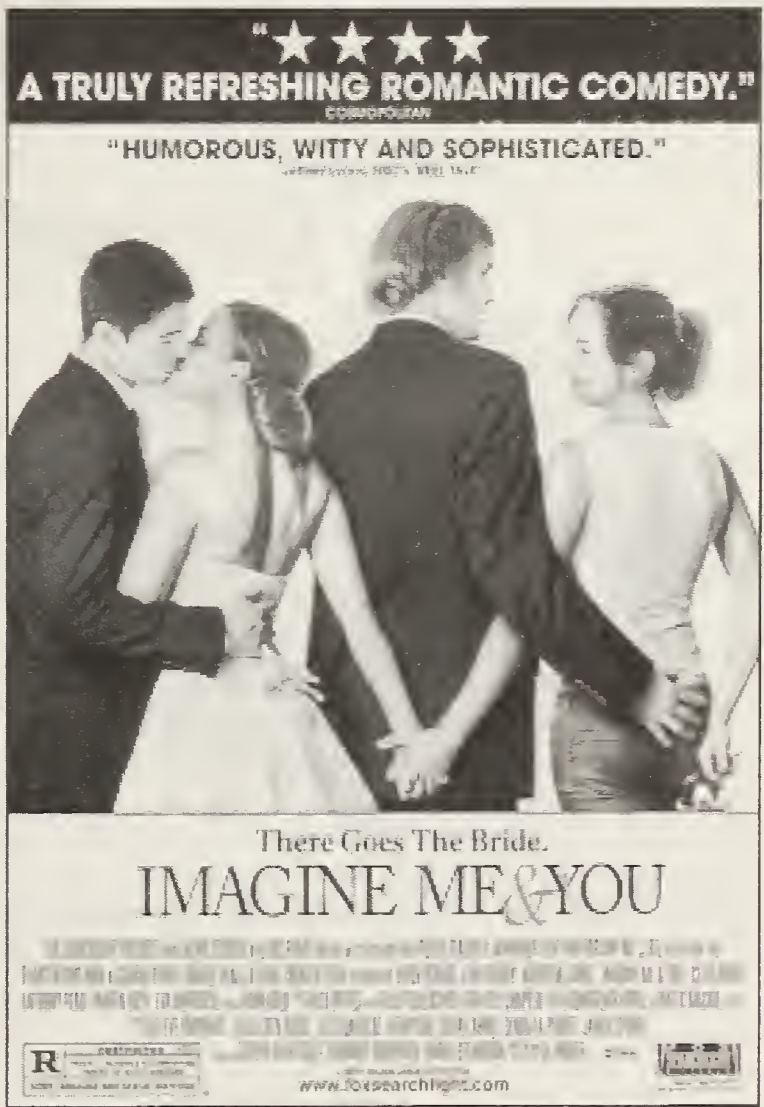
On *Sing-A-Longs & Lullabies...*, Johnson plays a cover of the White Stripes' song "We're Going to be Friends." If you're unfamiliar, it's the song that opened *Napoleon Dynamite*. This simple cover doesn't have the significance and purity that White gave the lyrics and vocals, however Johnson adds a simple piano line underneath the acoustic guitar plucking and the result is another perfectly placed lullaby for "Curious George."



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Great range of games for DS

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addictive and the characters are largely lovable.

Metroid Prime Pinball

One of the first games to link the two DS screens into one larger portrait-oriented display is Metroid Prime Pinball. Prime Pinball is a well-made pinball game that just happens to integrate Nintendo's Metroid franchise into itself.

It adds a dimension to the stages that makes them recognizable and interesting. The mini-games are all Metroid-themed, and are often humorous translations of Metroid game play, such as the beetle blast, where the ball is locked and you have to shoot at beetles as Samus, the franchise's heroine.

This is the first DS game to come with a rumble pack, which adds a good amount of vibration to the title while surprisingly adding only a little more strain on the battery.



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Metroid Pinball is a game which should appeal to a wide gamut of DS enthusiasts.

The price is a little steep for a pinball game, however, and so at the current price point it is mainly recommended for fans of both the Metroid franchise and pinball games. However, once the price drops, every pinball gamer should snap this title up.

"Boys of Baraka" works hard for social awareness

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The cinematography is patchy for the first part of the documentary before the boys leave for Kenya. In some sequences, the camera flicks around the streets of Baltimore like a toddler with an attention deficit, but these sporadic shots of the city often help convey the bleak setting better than a more methodical approach could.

Once in Kenya, the cameras linger over the landscape in a more relaxed way, and rightfully so.

The scene in which they are all told about the school being closed due to guerrilla fighting in the area is perhaps one of the most heart-wrenching in the documentary.

Several mothers intone repeatedly that their boys had a better chance surviving in Kenya, and the directors would lead us to believe that this is true; a social worker interviewed later in the movie says about Baltimore: "It's like there's no hope here."

The question of hope looms large over the entire movie, and to some extent even helps overshadow some of the movie's small defects.

Despite the fact that it is rather obvious the film focuses on the four boys, more information about the Baraka School itself would have been germane. Also, the question arises of why the program can't simply be moved elsewhere in order to keep

Emotional experience for director

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commented director Heidi Ewing, on filming in the dangerous neighborhoods in Baltimore.

The appalling statistic that 76 percent of all African American males in Baltimore City schools do not graduate from high school appears on the screen early in film, and in one scene at a middle school, a woman tries to obtain the attention of the student body by counting to three over the loud speaker, displaying the pitiful learning environment and lack of control in city schools.

"I had never experienced it before in my life, and it was actually really shocking. It's really unacceptable, it's a total disaster," said Ewing about the inadequacy of the schools. The goal of the Baraka School is to provide a setting in which young boys from Baltimore City are given the chance to get the education they need to be accepted to a decent high school in Baltimore.

Heidi Ewing explained that she and fellow director Rachel Grady chose to make the documentary because the Baraka school offered a "one of a kind experience." The children and families seem to feel completely comfortable with sharing personal information. Cameras catch tears of homesickness and the stories of the boys' broken families. "We filmed them for three years and it just developed organically," explained Ewing about the trusting relationship that she and Grady shared with the boys and their families.

"You do feel the injustice and inequities of the world that do fall on the shoulders of these kids," said Ewing. "It is impossible to prepare yourself, especially when you're filming a movie about kids," said Ewing in regards to the emotional ups and downs captured in the film.

During the boys' summer vacation, their families were called together, and told that because of security issues in Africa the boys would not be returning to the school.

"The shock and the disappointment that the parents were feeling, we were feeling right along with them almost in real time, that is one of the reasons that scene is so meaningful for people," said Ewing.

"I had many growing experiences and life lessons; it really changed the way that I look at the American dream and all the sorts of platitudes that we were all raised with as middle class people. All of that does not apply to this hidden, disregarded portion of the population." Ewing hopes that the next time viewers "see a kid like Montrey, they remember the movie and the intimacy they felt with that person... and just remember that the person they are looking at now could surprise them as well."

it running, but this is never really explored to any satisfying extent.

"The Boys of Baraka" is the kind of documentary intended to raise eyebrows; by creating such an intimate glimpse into the lives of Baltimore youths, it practically begs that questions be asked about the state of public education in the city and the kind of environment in which these boys have to grow up.

The documentary is carefully built, brick by brick, and in the end, it packs enough of a wallop to force these questions out into the open.

"The Boys of Baraka" opens at the Charles Theater on Feb. 10.

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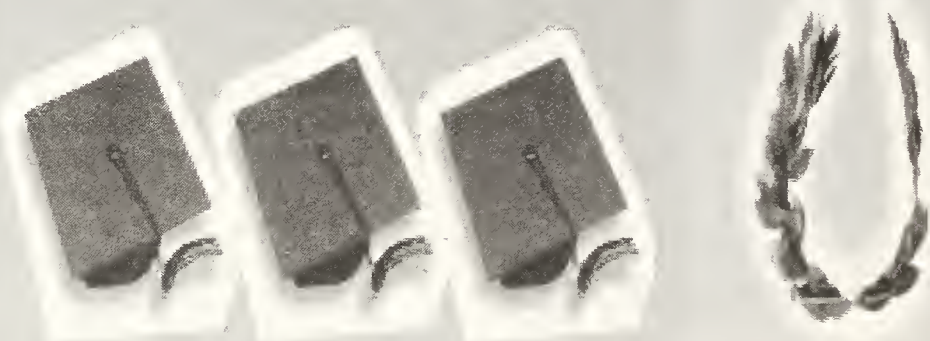
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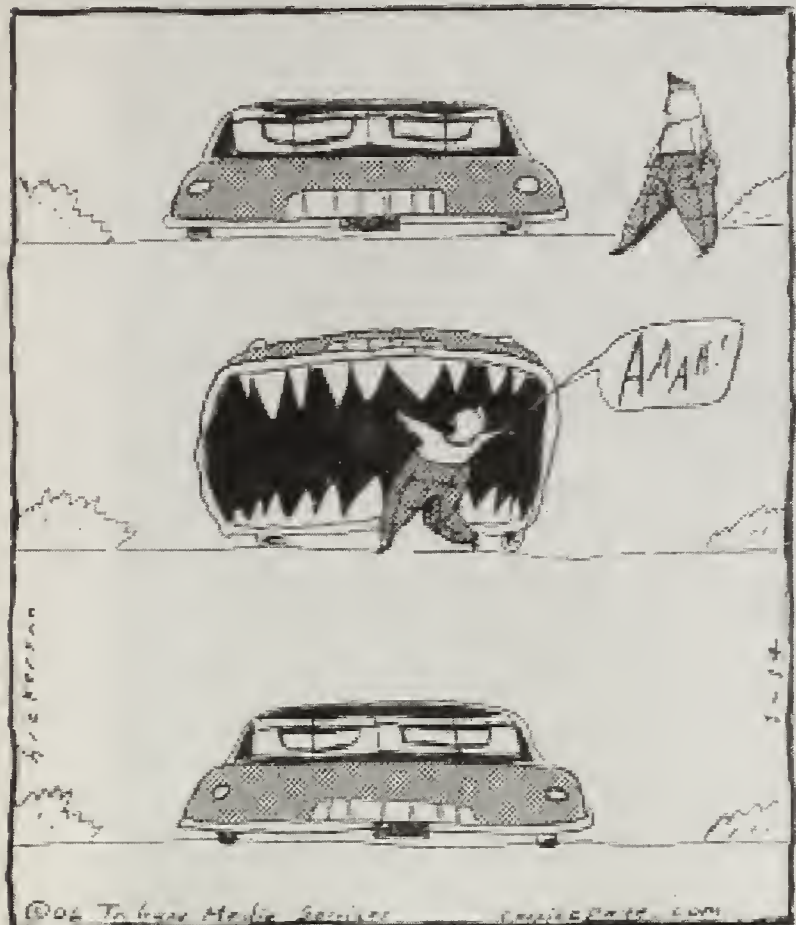
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Aries (March 21-April 20) Past romantic triangles or social disruptions may briefly reoccur this week. Before Thursday, many Aries natives will challenge

expect new challenges in the weeks to come. Friday through Sunday, a powerful wave of romantic awareness arrives.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Minor disputes between friends or older relatives will be steadily resolved this

week. Firmly held opinions and fast social judgments may soon seem irrelevant: let all fade and expect new agreements to provide strong direction. Later this week, a close friend or relative may announce an unexpected job change or plan for relocation.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Over the next six days, physical and emotional energy may be low. Use this time to contemplate career decisions or plan new social alliances. After Thursday, quiet gatherings or private home events provide distraction; pamper the body and watch for a powerful wave of romantic interest or business ambition to soon arrive.

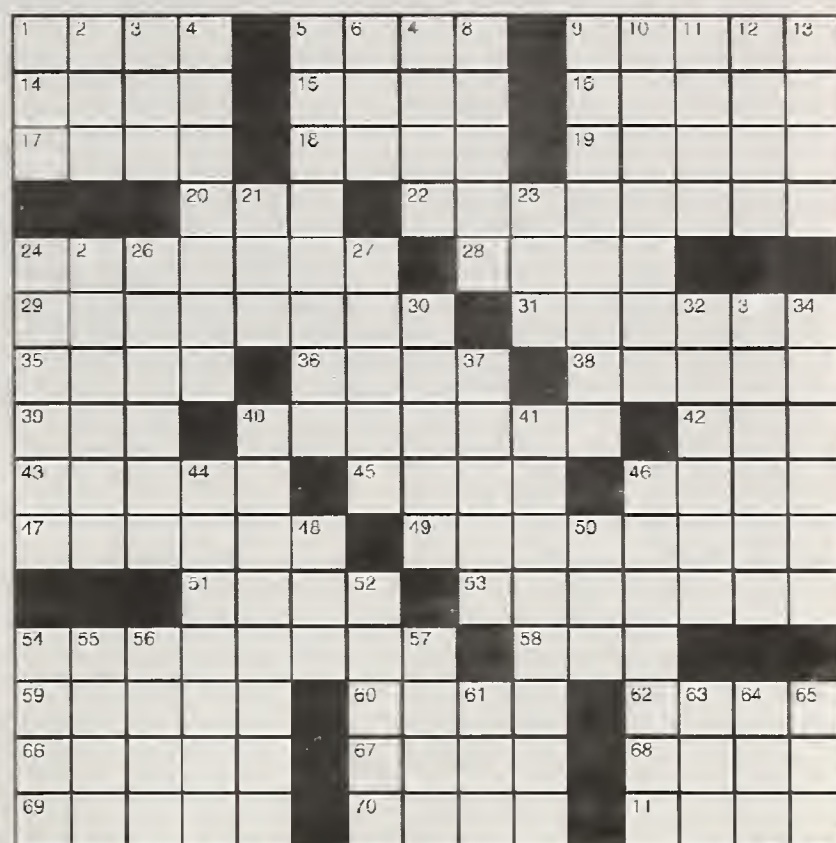
Taurus (April 21-May 20) Wednesday through Saturday, a close friend may plan a unique family or group celebration. Unusual social requests may now cause tension: if possible, avoid complex romantic triangles.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Unfulfilled workplace promises or past flirtations may this week need to be redefined. Private discussions or hidden agendas will no longer strain vital relationships: stay focused and

Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Pub missile
 5 Clenched hand
 9 Climb
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 36 Wealthy
 38 One bound in servitude
 39 "Leaving New York" group
 40 Competitor
 42 Decay
 43 Shoot from cover
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 46 Arthur or Veronica
 47 Accompany
 49 Lowers in dignity
 51 Travel paper
 53 Inflatable life jacket
 54 Lack of punctuality
 58 Plaything
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 60 Pueblo people
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 66 Declaims violently
 67 Returned call?
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 70 External layer
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 5 Alert ahead of time



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 9 Most alarming
 10 Stronghold
 11 Bard's river
 12 Light, happy tune
 13 Building extensions
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 23 Rhythmic patter
 24 Meager
 25 Places of refuge
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Solutions to last week's puzzle

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Recently derailed relationships may this week be quickly re-established. Monday through Wednesday, watch for a long-term friend or lover to publicly discuss their hidden doubts or private anxieties. Remain attentive to subtle comments: family rejection or social isolation may be more important than anticipated.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Ask probing questions this week and expect honest answers. After Tuesday, loved ones will be strongly motivated to discuss future plans or re-evaluate long-term goals. Startling revelations may also be accented: pay close attention to changing loyalties and rare family information. Thursday through Saturday, workplace officials may be moody or unresponsive.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Romantic partners will this week be captivated with nostalgic thoughts, outdated activities and old memories. Indulge contemplation and remain quietly

cheerful: at present, loved ones may need to revisit yesterday's mistakes before moving forward.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Remain flexible and expect authority figures to avoid direct questions or provide misleading instructions. Late Saturday, a close friend may wish to discuss a recent romantic disappointment. Advocate decisive action: confidence and bold statements of affection will soon be rewarded.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Past hobbies and predictable family activities will this week bring a calming influence to strained relationships. Monday through Thursday, enjoy quiet moments with loved ones and expect gentle discussions to build confidence. Later this week, a friend may request advice concerning a difficult social triangle.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Allow friends and lovers to set their own pace this week. Over the next six days, loved ones may need to imprint their personal style, social

identity or group ideals on close relationships. No serious or lasting affects are likely, so not to worry. Do, however, challenge outdated opinions: your insights will be welcomed.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Romantic promises and renewed sensuality are now a top priority. After mid-week, expect long-term relationships to experience new levels of intimacy and social harmony. Single Pisceans may this week explore a new romantic interest. Friday through Sunday, new spending may require detailed discussion. Stay focused.

If your birthday is this week: Much of 2006 will bring increasing intimacy in close relationships and new opportunities for emotional security in the home. Over the next three months, loved ones will opt to leave outdated obligations in the past. After May 7, watch also for a powerful wave of new confidence and social interest to arrive. Friends and close colleagues may actively seek your approval.

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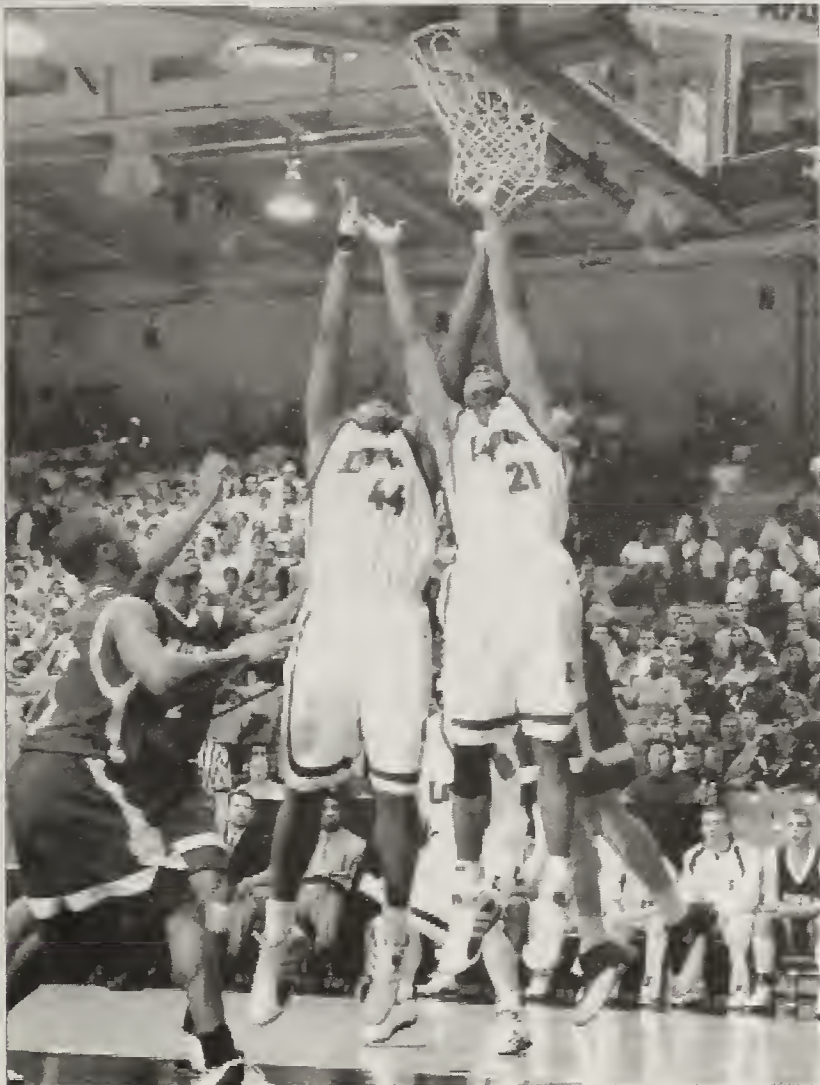


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Hassan Fofana and Jawaan Wright go up for a rebound in the paint versus Siena on Thursday. Fofana had a strong performance with eight points, six rebounds and five blocks in the 89-83 loss.

Hounds hit slump

BY MIKE TIRONE
SPORTS EDITOR

Three losses last week dropped the Greyhounds to the middle of the MAAC and nearly eliminated their chances to avoid the opening round of the conference tournament.

Scoreless for the opening four minutes of Sunday's game at Manhattan (14-7, 10-3), Loyola could not fight back from an early 18-0 deficit and fell 86-68 on ESPN-U, marking the Greyhounds' fifth straight loss, and seventh defeat in the last eight games.

"We came out pretty flat," said junior guard Shane James who got Loyola on the board at 16:17 with a three-pointer. "It was a lack of focus and they made a little run."

Unable to get looks at the hoop with Manhattan's speedy guard Jason Wingate covering him, senior Andre Collins was held to just four points in the first half.

"I have seen tight defenses all year," said Collins. "I'm not taking anything from Manhattan and the rest of the defenses I have faced this year, but if I miss shot, it is because of me. It's my role and I have to handle it better."

The Greyhounds were able to cut the deficit to eight points with just over 13 minutes remaining in the half, as freshman Marquis Sullivan hit a mid-range jumper. But another late run by Manhattan and a buzzer-beating shot from Wingate gave Manhattan a 20-point lead entering halftime.

"We came out at halftime trying

to pressure them as they only had eight guys," James said. "That would make them tired and cause some turnovers."

The Jaspers never let the lead dwindle beyond 12 as freshman Devon Austin and sophomore Arturo Dubois both scored 19 in the win.

Collins ended with 20 points and James had 12 as the only Greyhounds in double figures. Going to the bench early, Loyola shot only 38 percent from the field as a team.

"We had to grind it out and play better in the first half," said Collins. "We had spurts, but when you fall behind like that it just absorbs too much energy."

The Greyhounds now fall to 11-

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Seniors top Iona in last meet at home

BY KATE LEPPLEY
STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday afternoon at the Mangione Aquatic Center, the mens and womens swimming and

diving teams captured wins over Iona College in the last regular season meet.

The wins allowed Loyola to celebrate Senior Day in full spirits by honoring their nine seniors on



MIKE TIRONE/GREYHOUND

Greyhound senior swimmers and divers were honored on Saturday versus Iona at Mangione Aquatic Center. Fellow teammates wrote and recited stories, poems or biographies of each departing senior.

the team during the meet's first intermission.

"Competing so well with two of my best friends for the last time, being that they graduate in May, was an amazing way to end the regular season," stated junior Megan Sterback, who had one of the many standout performances last Saturday.

Sterback finished first in both three-meter diving event with a score of 255.23, as well as the one-meter diving event where she broke the schools current record held by Lisa Lenhoff in 1985 by scoring 248.00 points.

"The meet was a huge confidence booster for our championship meet in two weeks. The energy was high at the pool and everyone was cheering each other on," commented Sterback.

On the men's side, junior Ryan

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Canisius snaps LC streak

BY DAVE LOMONICO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Loyola women's basketball team split a two-game road trip last week with a hard fought victory over Niagara on Friday before falling to Canisius on Sunday.

Loyola (13-8, 8-4) was riding a five game winning streak before Canisius snapped it to move ahead of the Hounds in the MAAC standings at 9-3.

On Friday, the Greyhounds notched their first victory at Niagara's Gallagher Center in three years with a 62-58 victory.

Canisius used a barrage of three-pointers and 32 free throws on Super Bowl Sunday to knock off a confident Loyola squad.

The Greyhounds and Griffins fought a gritty battle that featured 55 total foul calls including 32 on Loyola. Ultimately, the fouls were the Hounds' undoing late in the contest as the Griffs were 29-36 from the line in the second half.

"In the second half we had missed assignments defensively and we came up a little short," said head coach Joe Logan, who has the Hounds in good position heading into the postseason in only his first season. "We sent them to the line 42 times and Canisius capitalized."

The first half was close with both teams trading baskets, but

with Canisius holding the upper hand in field goal percentage and three-point shooting.

After an inside battle where both teams used an array of mid-range jumpers and buckets in the paint, Canisius was left clinging to a 34-30 lead.

The Greyhounds were unable to stop the Griffins' Cheri Wittlieb all game, as the senior guard tallied 26 points, including three back-breaking shots from beyond the arc and a 9-10 performance from the line.

In the second half, Canisius made its move and started to pull away from the Greyhounds. At the 15:38 mark in the second half, the Golden Griffins surged to a 48-37 lead after a 12-3 run to open the half.

Canisius hit two three-pointers over the stretch, giving the Griffins all the momentum going into the second half.

"They got really hot and hit some big three's to put us in a hole," said Troupe. "We didn't play bad [today], but there was a period where we just didn't execute [defensively] in the second half."

The Hounds attempted to get back in the game on the shoulders of senior Krystle Harrington and junior Jill Glessner. However, they could not stop Wittlieb or the

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ALI DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Senior Lauren Troupe drives to the basket last week in the Greyhounds' 77-69 victory over Iona.

Loyola lax ranks No. 3

BY MIKE TIRONE
SPORTS EDITOR

As the Loyola women's lacrosse team started tossing the ball around again at Diane Geppi-Aikens Field, the Big East Conference began to toss out some awards as well.

Greyhounds' junior midfielder Kate McHarg and senior attacker Sydney Greene were named Pre-Season All-Big East first team selections.

Not only were the two Greyhounds honored, but the conference coaches picked the 2006 squad to finish third preseason poll. Georgetown was selected as the favorite to win the conference for the fifth consecutive season.

This season is highly

anticipated as it is the first for the Hounds as a member of the Big East.

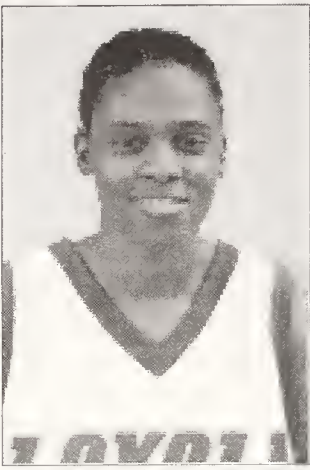
Shedding the title and schedule of an independent, the Greyhounds have a conference to call their own now. This also marks the first time in the career of both McHarg and Greene to be named to a preseason all-conference team.

Last season, McHarg led the Greyhounds with 58 goals, as well as tacking on four assists and finished the season as one of the most feared scorers in the nation. Just behind McHarg in scoring was Greene who netted 34 goals in the 2005 season, with three game-winners. Both look to be significant contributors to the Greyhounds' season as they were in 2005.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

The 5-5 senior point guard, Krystle Harrington has been a key to the recent success to the Loyola women's basketball team. On Sunday versus Canisius, Harrington went 6-12 from the floor as she tied her career high with 20 points. She also went 3-4 from outside the arc while ripping down five rebounds. Not only can the guard score, but her quickness and agility allows Harrington to penetrate defenses and then kick out to her teammates for open shots. Harrington dished out four assists on Sunday and tallied three in the Greyhounds' win on Friday versus Niagara. As the team has started clicking offensively, Harrington has been the glue holding the motion offense, as well as the transition offense with her keen sense of seeing the court and find the open player. In the past six games, Harrington has averaged almost four assists per game.



Krystle Harrington
Senior

Greyhounds split week's games; end win streak at 13-8

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Canisius offense who continued to stretch their lead that grew to 21 at the 5:47 mark. With Canisius up 71-50, Loyola decided to come together and make a game of it. Harrington scored seven of her team high 20 points over the next four minutes to lead an 18-6 Loyola run. Glessner, who had 19 points on the day, drained a big three at the 1:44 mark to draw the Hounds even closer and make the score 78-71.

However, Loyola was forced to foul down the stretch and Canisius hit their shots to put the game away. Harrington hit a desperation three-pointer to get the game closer, but the clock was working against the Greyhounds and the comeback fell short. Canisius closed out the game from the line to take the game 86-81.

"We were down 21 and we kept fighting back," said Logan. "We showed great resilience to cut the lead to six."

The game Friday against Niagara was a momentum builder for Loyola. Upon defeating a struggling Purple Eagles team that they had failed to beat on the road since the 2000-2001 season. Loyola put together a complete effort offensively and defensively. The first half was a little lackluster to begin until both teams started to match each other in a back and forth battle on the glass. After buckets by Troupe and Harrington, Loyola got a little separation to take the lead 22-18 at the 5:34 mark. Niagara would come back with a three, but two more buckets by Troupe and one by Glessner put the Hounds up five going into the half, 30-25.

The Greyhounds used a series of runs to


stretch their lead in the second half as a result of solid passing and execution on the inside. At the 13:00 mark, Loyola had a slim 32-30 lead when the Hounds went on an 11-2 run. Both teams began to trade buckets for the next five minutes until the 5:31 mark. With Loyola up 47-36, Niagara began to mount a comeback to get back into the game. Niagara's Jessie Tomasin had five three-pointers on the day, and hit a huge outside shot to spark an 8-2 run to draw the score to 49-44 with 3:52 left. After Troupe converted a conventional three-point play to make the score 52-44, the Greyhounds went a little cold and the Eagles built one last charge. With a minute to play, Loyola was clinging to a 54-51 lead before Harrington and sophomore Tynisha Davis hit their free throws to make the score 58-51 with just over 30 seconds left. Niagara hit a couple late shots, including another three by Tomasin, to draw the game closer but Glessner nailed her final two free throws to seal the 62-58 victory for the Greyhounds.

"The defense was really good and everyone contributed in this game," said Troupe. "The win gave us a lot of confidence and built a lot of team unity."

Loyola returns to Reitz Arena to take on the Broncs of Rider University on Friday at 7 p.m.


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Women's Basketball


Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Marist	10	1	.909	-	16	5	.761	Won 4
Canisius	9	3	.750	1.5	12	9	.571	Won 2
Loyola	8	4	.666	2.5	13	9	.590	Lost 1
Iona	8	4	.666	2.5	11	10	.523	Won 2
Fairfield	6	6	.500	4.5	9	12	.428	Lost 2
Siena	6	6	.500	4.5	10	11	.476	Won 1
Manhattan	5	7	.416	5.5	8	13	.400	Won 1
St. Peter's	4	8	.333	6.5	8	13	.380	Lost 1
Niagara	2	10	.166	8.5	3	18	.142	Lost 3
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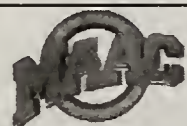
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Men's Basketball

Team	MAAC				Overall			
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Manhattan	10	3	.769	-	14	7	.667	Won 1
Iona	10	3	.769	-	16	5	.762	Lost 1
St. Peter's	8	5	.615	2	12	10	.545	Won 4
Marist	8	5	.615	2	14	7	.667	Won 1
Fairfield	6	7	.462	4	8	13	.381	Won 2
Siena	5	8	.385	5	10	11	.476	Lost 1
Niagara	5	8	.385	5	8	13	.381	Lost 1
Loyola	5	8	.385	5	11	10	.524	Lost 5
Rider	4	9	.308	6	8	13	.381	Won 1
Canisius	4	9	.308	6	5	16	.238	Lost 2

Reeser, Sterback break LC records

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Reeser stood out amongst the competition. Reeser helped the team by breaking the school record in the 1000 free with a time of 9:47.42 and also by receiving first place in the 200 yard backstroke with a finishing time of 1:58.53. Reeser also swam in the Hounds' victorious 400 medley relay team, which finished with a time of 3:39.82.

The men's sophomores pushed the team even further over Iona with their three strong competitors, Jon Sheffield, Ian Perazzelli, and Patrick Hicks. All of whom have had strong seasons. Sheffield placed third in the 1000 freestyle event with a finishing time of 11:08.67, where as Perazzelli won a pair of events for the Greyhounds in both the 200 free (1:48.66) and the 100 free (:49.84). Hicks earned his first place victory by finishing with a time of 5:03.17.

Freshman Victoria Kamauff proved herself as an asset to the Loyola women's

swimming team as she earned two victories by receiving first place in the 200 back with a time of 2:11.95 as well as a time of 2:14.76 in the 200 individual medley. Kamauff mentioned, "The hard work we've been doing all season, especially on our training trip, is started to show this past weekend and will certainly pay off at MAACs."

"All of my teammates spirits are really high and are looking forward to the upcoming conference championship meet," said senior Chelsea Brace, who competed in several events this past week including winning the women 200 yard butterfly event with a time of 2:13.58. "We all worked really hard this season, everyone is really excited to swim fast in the next two weeks."

The teams have some time off for practicing, but can seen next be seen in two weeks in the 2006 MAAC Swimming and Diving Championship, which will be held here at Loyola commencing on Feb. 16.

Greyhounds lose five straight

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10 overall with a 5-8 record in the MAAC, good for eighth in the conference. Manhattan is tied with Iona atop the league.

Last Thursday, the Hounds fell to Siena and Antoine Jordan in front of 2,500 at Reitz Arena, 89-83. Jordan went 13 for 22 from the floor and 3-5 for three-pointers for 32 points.

Loyola took a quick 13-9 lead in the first five minutes but the Saints answered and opened up a 24-15 lead with 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

"It was them out-hustling us," said sophomore Brad Farrell, who dropped in 13 points in the loss. "They did from the very beginning of the game."

The Hounds were held to a season-low 27 points in the first half and the second half was no better as Siena scored six quick points to extend their lead to 47-31.

With 4:12 remaining, Tay Fisher converted a pair of free throws to make it 79-65.

Loyola then turned in an exciting eight-point run in just 37 seconds as Collins hit a three-pointer, Farrell put in a fast break lay-up, and sophomore Freddie Stanback hit another three off of three turnovers.

After a Loyola timeout, the run kept coming together as Collins stole the inbound pass and scored the lay-up to put the Hounds within just four points.

"We had a great effort in the second half to bring it within four," Farrell said. "But we kept digging ourselves into too big of a hole."

Just as the Greyhound spurt looked like it would even out the game, Collins turned the ball over after another one steal. The Saints took advantage of the miscue and converted another pair of free throws to draw the lead back to six.

Free throw shooting from Siena sealed the victory and the Hounds' second loss at home with a large crowd.

"The problem is when you get an atmosphere like that, you think you have to have star-like plays instead of grinding plays," head coach Jimmy Patsos said. "We grinded our way here and now we got to the big show and I don't see a lot of guys that want to grind and do the little things anymore."

Collins led Loyola with 26 points while Stanback scored a season-high 16 points.

"I'm very concerned about why the little things we used to do have gone away," Patsos said. "I'm really frustrated but yet I'm still proud of what we have accomplished."

Last Monday the Hounds traveled to Marist, and even with Collins recording his sixth 30-point performance of the season, fell 86-78.

Once again, Loyola fell behind early and couldn't claw their way back. Despite a 14-0 run late in the first half that opened up a 33-15 Marist advantage, the Hounds cut the deficit to 11 points going into the half.

The second half favored Marist early, but with 7:15 remaining in the game, the Hounds closed to within three points, 65-62. The Red Foxes took off on another run which brought them to a 13 point lead. The persistent Greyhounds couldn't do anything but foul and send Marist to the free throw line.

"Marist just wanted it more," said Collins. "We need to stay hungry. I know this team is not satisfied with 11 wins."

Loyola looks to snap their five game slump as they face off against Iona, who is tied for first in the conference, on Wednesday at Reitz Arena at 7 p.m.

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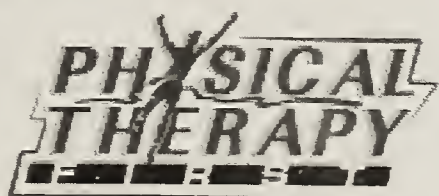
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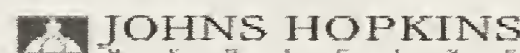
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February brings Super Bowl, Olympics and Guzowski ranting

Football is over except for the all-important Pro Bowl. Baseball is on the brink of spring training. College hoops is starting to heat up, but it's only the beginning of February. NBA All-Star break, blah, blah, blah. So what, at this moment, is important enough for an entire column of discussion? Not much. Here are some idling thoughts, in no particular order, each one with no particular connection to the others.

JOHNGUZOWSKI



O-VER-TIME

-Tiger TV has returned. For those who watch golf regularly on television (yeah, both of you), you know that Tiger is back to dominate the airwaves. No matter where he stands or what hole he is on, network golf coverage opts to show him walking to his ball for three minutes instead of showing five other players actually hitting shots. Oh, and having him leading/winning tournaments doesn't help.

-The results are in and this year's NFL Hall of Fame class includes Aikman, Moon, and Reggie White. The Hall classes are now reaching a certain point where players from the early 90's era are being elected. They are the first dozen players or so that I can remember watching as a kid that are going to Canton. Though you can respect and admire players who came in the past, it's different when they are guys you watched every Sunday.

We all can remember Moon throwing to

Haywood Jeffries and Ernest Givens, or Reggie White on the cover of "Sports Illustrated for Kids."

-It's only a couple weeks until the Olympics. For a few short weeks, men will still be considered macho if they go nuts over figure skating and commentators will analyze the strategy of the luge for hours on end.

-I can't watch a hoops game Mike Tirico does play-by-play without recalling the episodes explained in the book "ESPN: The Uncensored History" by Michael Freeman. It's a great book, telling the history of the network from a small cable station to a multi-network empire. But the best parts of the book explain the anchors who hated each other, the crazy office parties and Tirico and other guys being not exactly gentlemen to their female co-workers (hint: Tirico makes Isaiah Thomas look like a saint).

-Let's just end the debate of the pecking order of the Rocky movies: "Rocky" is obviously number one for starting it all off, having the most realistic fight, and the fact that he didn't win that time; "Rocky IV" comes in second, partly because of its Cold War overtones, partly because of its example of steroid use, and partly because it has an unbelievable soundtrack; "Rocky III" because of Mr. T.; "Rocky II" is fourth. Although it was a really good movie, it was somewhat predictable and didn't have the outrageous characters of the movies that followed; "Rocky V" brings up the rear. Tommy "Machine" Gunn. Yikes.

-Taking off from Cory's Cackle last week, J.J. Reddick is doomed for a life of mediocrity in the NBA. He is a perfect example of the way the relationship between the NBA and



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Duke's J.J. Reddick may be big man on campus right now down on Tobacco Road, but next year when he steps into the NBA, it will be a totally different story.

the college game has changed over the years. You have to ask, what kind of player is a perfect NBA prospect? Any guy who has been around four years in college usually did so because he wasn't good enough to go pro, yet half of the guys who go early flop and end up in Europe for the rest of their lives, always being a few steps away from the big time.

And now, small time, undrafted players from the Developmental League are ending up being the perfect reserve players, with most of them flying under the radar completely while in college. The best prospect of this year's college class has to be Adam Morrison, who could fit into a number of spots on offense and defense in

the pros. Reddick is destined for a career of being a little used three-point specialist who is injured for most of his second season.

-No doubt about it, you have to be nuts to paint your face before going to a sporting event. There are a few fearless souls at the Loyola games, and even more at college gyms across the country. I guess being intoxicated helps make you forget your face is covered with paint that could possibly hospitalize you with a rash as annoying as Pete Flynn's diction, in order to make the statement, "I am a serious fan" to all those around you.

Well, as the great David Puddy once said (while squinting) about his own face painting, "Gotta support the team."

A look into college hoops' glass ball; who's Indy-bound in March?

I must say, as much fun as I had hearing the thug that is Joey Porter threaten the lives of the Seahawks players throughout last week, and as enjoyable as it was to see Donovan McNabb whore himself out to the media in an effort to be noticed again, it is kind of nice that football is finally over. The Super Bowl has been played and it is time

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to move on. While some people might thoroughly enjoy watching Mel Kiper Jr. drool over a draft board, or the constant Terrell Owens trade rumors that will undoubtedly surface, let's face it: football will not be truly relevant again until August.

With football now out of the picture, it is almost time for college basketball to reach center stage. Conference play is heating up and before you know it, March will be here and Dick Vitale will have a seizure.

With that being said, it is never too early to take a look ahead and give some predictions on who will win what awards, what teams will flop in March and what teams could be making flight arrangements to Indianapolis for the Final Four. Without further ado, here are my bold, and most likely wrong, predictions.

National Player of the Year: Adam Morrison -- Gonzaga

This award is clearly a two horse race at this point, with Adam Morrison getting the slight edge over Duke's J.J. Reddick. When you look at the numbers, it might seem like Reddick should be the choice. While Reddick is second in the nation in scoring to Morrison, he is getting slightly less scoring support from Shelden Williams than Morrison is receiving from big man J.P.

Batista.

However, I think of it this way. Batista would not be averaging that many points if Morrison was not playing beside him, and the 'Zags would not be nearly as good. Meanwhile, if Reddick was not there, Williams would still find a way to be scoring points and Mike Krzyzewski would still have Duke competing at the top of the ACC. Besides these on-the-court points, J.J. Reddick writes poetry and Adam Morrison has the best mustache in sports. That's enough for me.

National Coach of the Year: Bruce Pearl, Tennessee

Until Bruce Pearl arrived, men's basketball was not even on the radar at the University of Tennessee. However, Pearl did not need long to change that. By instituting his press and run style that worked so well for him while at UW-Milwaukee, Pearl has the Volunteers thriving in the SEC East. Guards Chris Lofton and C.J. Watson are starring for the Volunteers, and most impressive of all, they are now doing this in front of packed houses every night.

There are many other coaches that can be mentioned in this category, particularly Billy Donovan for the job he has done at Florida and Thad Matta for the turnaround he has caused at Ohio State. However, I give the nod to Pearl, because he brought a dead program back to life again, while Donovan's Gators were in the second round of the tourney last year and Matta's Buckeyes began to turn it around last year.

On the Bubble:

The tournament bubble has a bit of a different landscape than in past years. As of now, teams such as Kansas, Kentucky, and Syracuse are by no means locks to participate in the tournament that actually matters in March. With that being said, I believe all three of these storied schools will end up reaching the tournament. There are many teams, however, that, before the season started, were assumed to be big

dance-bound, and now should find themselves on the outside looking in.

The Louisville Cardinals have found life in the Big East to be tougher than they expected. Rick Pitino's squad has totally underperformed in the Big East up to this point, managing only a 2-6 conference record. With games still left at Syracuse, West Virginia and Connecticut, expect Pitino to be manning the bench at Madison Square Garden once again, only this time in the NIT.

Also, expect Andy Kennedy's Cincinnati Bearcats to be joining the Cardinals as first year Big East flops. Meanwhile, in the ACC, it looked like this would be the year that Miami, with the help of sharpshooters Robert Hite and Guillermo Diaz, would finally make the jump into madness. However, even though they are currently in the upper half of the ACC standings, expect the Hurricanes trail off. With tough conference games looming down the stretch and no significant out-of-conference wins, the Hurricanes will be joining the Wake Forest Demon Deacons and the Virginia Tech Hokies as disappointments in the ACC.

Finally, in the SEC, expect an Alabama team that looked shaky early to continue its rebound and slip into the tournament, while Vanderbilt's hot start won't be enough to get them to the dance.

Tournament Teams: Flops and Contenders

Let's start by talking about those teams that will flop in March after impressive regular seasons. For this discussion, there is no better place to begin than in Gainesville, Fla., where Billy Donovan and the Florida Gators have been making a living out of choking in the tournament longer than Stephen Baldwin has been making bad movies. Expect the same out of the Gators this year. Taurean Green, Corey Brewer, Joakim Noah, and Al Horford have all proven they can play.

The problem is that this team is very

young. While this talented roster might be able to remove the choking label from the Gators down the road, expect them to implode this year when they run into a good team in March.

It is for a similar reason that I feel Memphis will be a tournament flop. While John Calipari has done a great job with the Tigers, who currently would be a number one seed, this team is young and has played a very soft conference schedule. Expect the fact that they have not played another top flight team in months to catch up with them in the tournament. Now, I do not mean a first round exit, but I do not think Memphis will make it to Indianapolis.

Finally, other tournament flops will be Boston College, because they are simply not a top-tier team, and Wisconsin, because any team that loses to North Dakota State can't be very good. As for teams with a legitimate shot to get to Indianapolis, Duke and Connecticut top the list. While these might be boring choices, they are the right ones. Both teams are well coached and are solid all the way around. Expect the Blue Devils and Huskies to be in Indianapolis.

As far as some other teams, Texas and Michigan State have rebounded from rough starts and could be Final Four contenders as was initially thought. Also, watch out for West Virginia. Any team that can shoot that well can do scary things in the tournament, as can be seen by the run they made last year.

As for surprises, the Hoyas of Georgetown, the Michigan Wolverines and those Buckeyes from Ohio State are three gritty teams that could pull a significant upset over a higher seed.

While I'm sure I left many flops and contenders out, that is all I can think of right now. Don't worry, I am sure we will revisit this in March when I see all my predictions have fallen by the wayside, and try to make up for it with a futile second effort.

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